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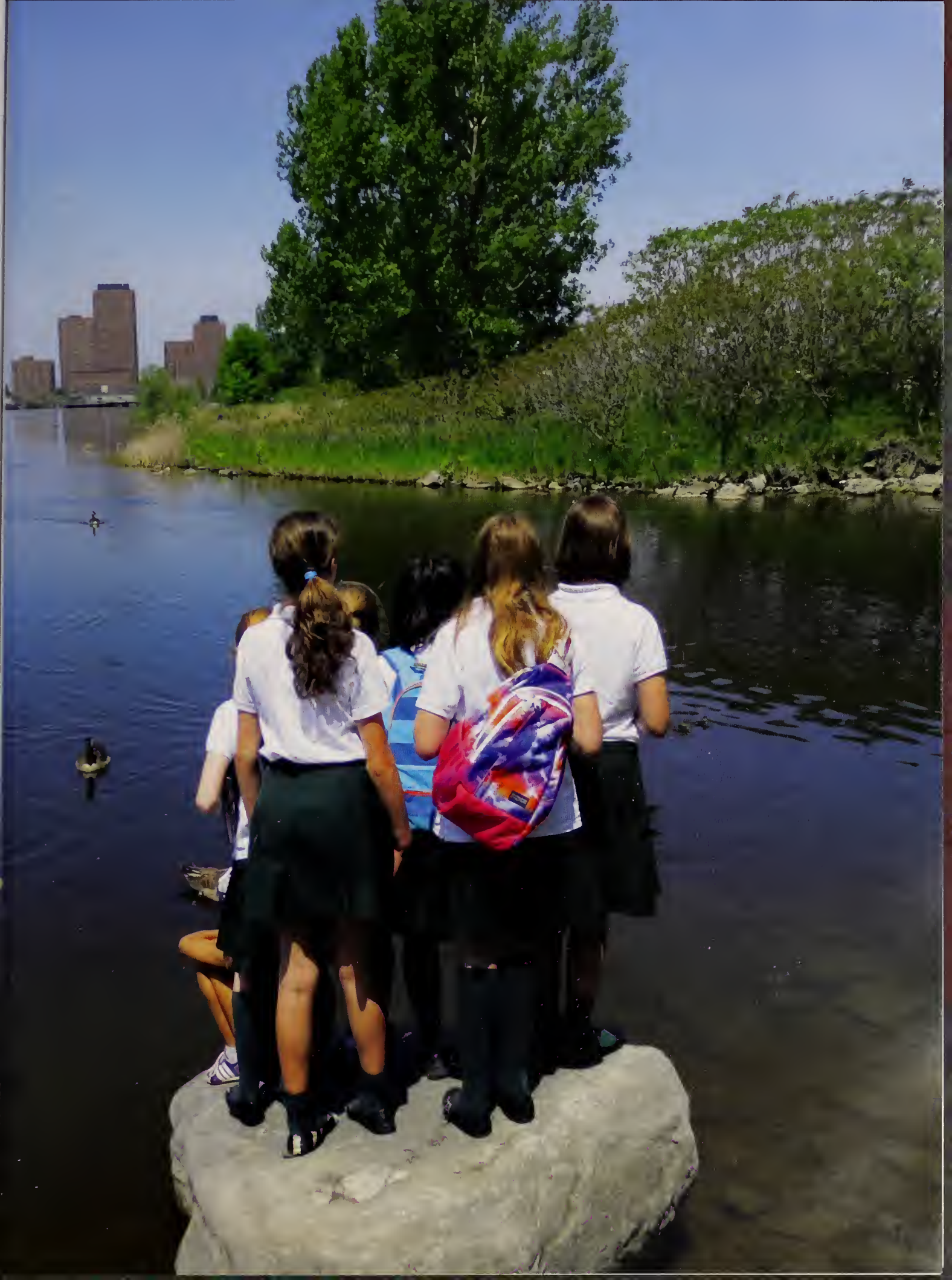

Editor's Note

Being the editor of the yearbook this year has been a great experience and there are so many people I would like to thank. First and foremost, to the Samara team thank you so much for all you tireless hard work, this yearbook would not have been possible without each and every one of you. A very big thank you goes to Ms. Bartlett for being a constant source of guidance and support over the entire year, thank you for pulling me back from the brink of stress overload. On a more personal note, I would like to thank all of the teachers who are leaving or retiring, you have all taught me so much. Thank you to my parents for waiting for me after school every Monday while I tied up loose ends in yearbook meetings, I really do appreciate it. Last but certainly not least, I need to thank my friends for one of the best years I have ever had at Elmwood. I will miss the couple of you who are leaving terribly and hope that you use this yearbook as way to remember all of the fun times we've had together. Also good luck to all of the grads on what I am sure will be some amazingly bright futures and seeing as this is your last Elmwood yearbook I hope that it is everything you would wish for. However my biggest hope for this yearbook by far, is that everyone who reads it is reminded of times they look back upon fondly and that it brings a smile to each and every one of your faces.

Merrin Lalonde

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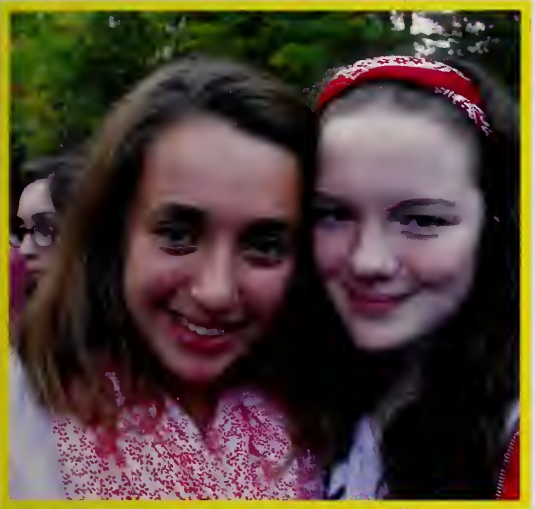
Camp

Elmwood has a phenomenal tradition: one that extends far beyond the walls of our classrooms. Middle and senior girls travel to the beautiful Camp Kandalore on the shores of Kabakwa Lake. For three days we celebrate Camp Elmwood, a relaxed, amusing experience among the gigantic pines and rocky landscape of the Algonquin Highlands. Being tossed up into the air on the Inuit Blanket, games of rugby, mountain biking, canoeing, ropes courses, rock climbing and of course house spirit activities keep us busy to the point of exhilarating exhaustion. The most ridiculously comical and popular event is the water regatta! As head girl I was especially proud of how both new and returning students bonded, threw themselves into house competitions, took on challenging experiences and supported each other. The evenings around the camp fire have always been my favourite and this year the weather cooperated with not only stunning days, but ideal nights as well. For those returning next year enjoy; Camp Elmwood will always remain a favourite for me!

Emmie Page, Head Girl, 2012-2013

Elmwood



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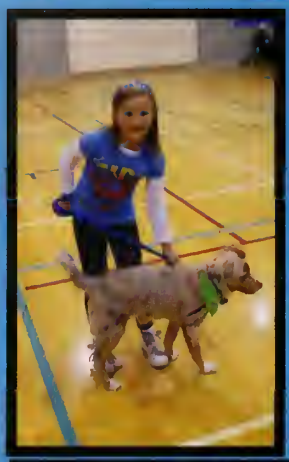

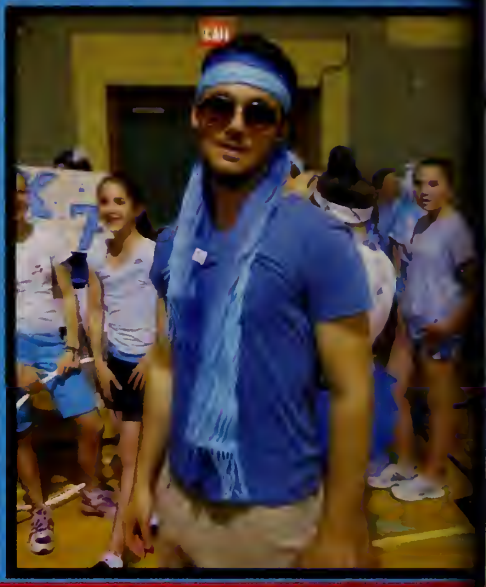

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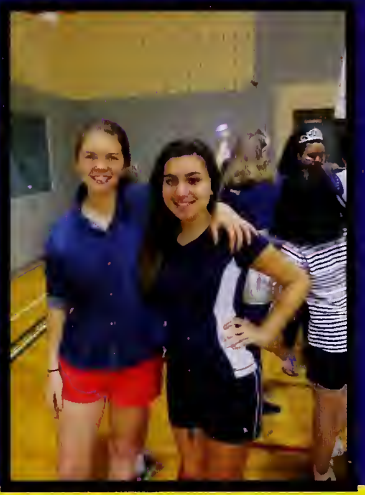

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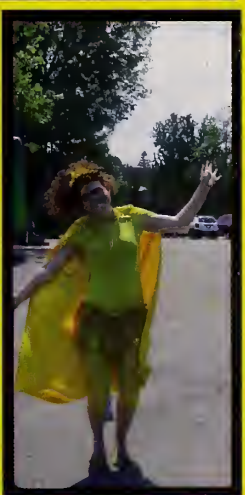


KEEP CALM AND JUST GRADUATE

GRADUATES 2013

Graduates

Sarah Beltrame

Five years ago, in hopes of being admitted to this school, I wrote a page long essay illustrating why JD Salinger's *Catcher In The Rye* was my all-time favorite novel; and here we are, having come full circle. That seventh grader and I are different in almost every sense of the word. I evolved into this complex and indecisive high school graduate. My mind has been assaulted with knowledge and facts, and yet I still feel like I understand just as little about the world and my place in it as I did back then. Throughout all this so-called personal growth, though, my feelings about *Catcher In the Rye* have remained untouched. How typical of me as a sheltered upper middle class teenage girl to identify with the internally troubled, reflective and maladjusted Holden Caulfield. I have always found a sort of kinship with his passive aggressive conviction, with his hatred of "phonies," and his strife with the world; so, if you really want to hear about it, I'd have to say that my adolescence has been one mixed up and convoluted road down which I never want to return. The funny thing about all that is, though, that I've been fortunate enough to find some people who feel the same way, some insightful, and sometimes slightly unhinged people, to whom I could blurt out fragmented sentences in between mangled sobs. To all those wonderful friends of mine who have withstood my nineteenth nervous breakdown, I am forever in awe of your patience. Holden had Phoebe, and, since I'm an only child, I guess in some weird way, I have you guys. Finally, to turn from the words of J.D. Salinger, as Bret Easton Ellis wrote, "I feel I'm moving toward as well as away from something, and anything is possible."

Rebecca Boucher

It's unbelievable to think that it has already been fourteen years since I entered these doors, and I finally get to wear the white dress and accept the diploma which is going to change my life. It was never boring at Elmwood, and I thank you for everything you have done for me. I know I wouldn't be where I am today, proud of all my accomplishments, without your undying support. Thank you to Ms. Kindree for helping me so much along the way. I promised you that you would be thanked because I could not have succeeded without your humour, support and kindness. Emmie, you are my other half, and I am so glad I met you sporting your pants that day in Grade 9; you're going to change the world one stem cell at a time. Julia, you are amazing, and don't let anyone let you think differently. You're going to rock F.I.T. - I just know it! Grads, you were great. We started it together and now we're going to finish it together. Good luck in everything, and I can't wait to see what you've accomplished at the first reunion of the graduating class of 2013. Love always, the ginger, Rebecca

Ariella Burton

I can't believe that my three years at Elmwood are already over! On my first day, I remember feeling like I still had an eternity left of high school, but, looking back, it went by far too quickly. To my friends: JS, GL, GM, MD, MG, and my Sandpaper Sister SB, whether it was giving me a ride home, staying up late with me to finish a project, or laughing our heads off in the common room, you are all exceptional people and my closest friends. I love you all, and you made the past three years the most fun they could possibly be. Teachers, for the three years of horrible jokes and late assignments, I am sorry. Mom and Dad, I love you both; thanks for being my rocks through the past 18 years! University is going to be my next big adventure, and I am so excited! Stay green, Elmwood. Stay green.

Graduates

Though I'm not proficient at rhyme,
I'll try just this one time.
Here it goes.
I arrived at Elmwood one bright day,
And that turned into a 6-year stay.
With too many words waiting to be written,
I suppose, "Thank you" would fit like a mitten
To express just how much
Teachers, friends, and everyone helped me
when I depended on them like a crutch.
To the teachers, you've handled us
At our times of anxious fuss.
Thank you for the support and care,
And for nurturing us even when we're
Too much to bear.
To my wonderful gals, whose names start with As
And also Ms and many Cs and Js,
You've helped me become the person I am
Thank you for your love and support from
the a.m. through the p.m.
To my Ma and Pa and the rest of the fam,
It's because of you that I'm here, rockin my jams,
Thank you, thank you, for all you've done,
And in case you forget:
I love you more than a ton.
And finally to my Nighty crew,
Of course I didn't forget you!
Your enthusiasm made me ever so proud
Thanks to your spirit, we sure wowed!
I suppose this is, as they say,
Where I spread my wings and fly away.
My runway was constructed wonderfully sturdy,
And as a plane I'll sure fly as high as a birdy.
Now ON goes my engine,
And OFF I (and the rhyme) go!
P.S. Always remember to take pride,
In your navy blue and silver stride.

Tannya Cai

I would like to thank my parents who supported me in my decision to come to Elmwood.
"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."
- Barak Obama
I wish the best of luck to everyone.

Elisabeth Charest

Graduates

Dianna Chen

Never give up. There is always a way.

Claire Churchill-Smith

Looking back on all the memories formed during my four years at Elmwood, it is hard to believe that it is finally time to say goodbye and enter into the rest of our lives. Through all the ups and downs, we have finally made it to graduation! To the grads of 2013, I will never forget all of the good times and I wish you all the best. I have grown as a person in so many ways these last four years, and I feel very lucky to have been able to do so surrounded by so many amazing people. Thank you to all of my friends for making my time in the wood so special. I will never forget all of the fun times we had together! To my parents, thank you for always supporting me no matter how many times I changed my mind about things; you are amazing! Thank you, Julia, for always being a fantastic sister. I'm going to miss you more than you know next year!

Sarah Clarke

Looking back at my time at Elmwood, I couldn't have asked for a better 7 years. To my family, thank you for all of your love and support through the ups and downs. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to all my teachers. I thank each and every one of you for all of your help and support. Mrs. Neale, thank you for always putting a smile on my face every morning. Ms. Kindree, I'll miss our everyday chats about life and Timothy. Mrs. Marquis, thank you for our funny conversations and teaching me everything I need to know about English; and, Mr. G, I definitely won't forget our crazy music classes. To my house council, you girls have all blown me away this year. I am so glad I had the opportunity to work with you. To the rest of the student body, I'll miss the friendly smiles and hugs; school life would not have been the same without you. To the Prefects, I have had a blast working with you; it was a year I'll never forget. To my amazing friends Julia, Rebecca, and Emmie, who have been there every step of the way, thanks for making these years so memorable and unforgettable! I love you to the moon and back. Claire, Dianna, Ellie & Charita: Mary Lou, Arlene, and Betty will always be there for us. Paige, what would I have done without you these past 2 years? Thanks for all the crazy fun memories and inside jokes, and I can't wait for more to come with you and Justine. To the Grads, we finally made it and it's been an insane year. From all our laughs and tears in the common room, it's been one crazy ride. We've accomplished so much here! Good luck in everything you do. It's just getting started. Love always.

Graduates

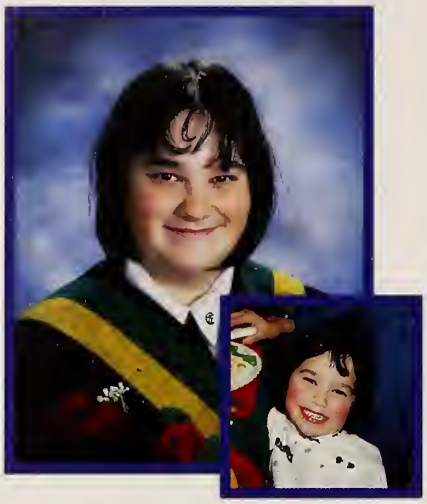
Elmwood has been my home for the past six years and I can't believe I'm finally graduating. Elmwood is the place where I lived through my awkward phase with braces, grew eight inches, shed a few tears, and laughed excessively, but the most distinct memories which I will take with me are the people whom I met along the way. To the girls in the Wood, Rebecca, Emmie and Sarah, thank you for being the best of friends. To my second mothers at the school, Mrs. Neale and Derbs, thank you for constantly looking out for me. To my Athletic Council, thank you for going above and beyond all year. To my sisters, Emily and Meagan, thank you for keeping me on my toes and giving me endless support. Thank you to Wiggles for bringing me immense joy everyday. To Max, thank you for giving me happiness and love. I thank my Dad for his encouragement in school and life; and, lastly, I thank my Mom, for being my rock, best friend and the strongest woman I know. I am so thankful to Elmwood for making me the person I am today and allowing me to chase my dreams.

Julia Cork

"Everything you can imagine is real." - Pablo Picasso
I would like to thank my parents for their utmost dedication and commitment. Thank you to Elmwood for it's remarkable role in shaping the person I am today.

Noor Darwish

Graduates



Meghan Demerchant

It's hard to believe that it has been 6 years already. I have had unique experiences at this school, from the Classics Club and all the time that it has taken up in my 4 years of Senior School, to the privilege of tutoring grade 4 students, and helping with the Middle School Readers Council.
Thank you to Ms. Ellison for teaching me to sew, regardless of how many times I cursed those machines for existing. Thank you to GM, JTS, GHL, and AB for being amazing friends over the years, regardless of for how long or short a time; you guys are amazing, artistic, and drive me up a wall, but you're great friends. Thank you, Ms. Claman, for being an amazing SLG Teacher. For those I have not mentioned, thank you to my classmates and teachers from the bottom of my heart; you have all had an impact on my life. P.S. I apologize to those I have given eye strain to over the years through my small writing, which has gotten progressively smaller over the years.

Kathy Fung

First of all, thanks to all the teachers who have taught me. You are the best teachers I've had in my life!!! Thanks to my host parents for making me feel at home these past two years; thank you, Kelly, for your jokes, which always cheer me up when I'm down; thank you, Elizabeth, for your attempts at cooking Chinese food and your hugs when I feel miserable. Thank you, Cynthia, for being someone I can always talk to and share my happy days and bad days with. I'm lucky to have you as my best friend. Most of all, I thank my parents who gave me the opportunity to come to Canada and study at Elmwood. I have really opened my eyes during these two years, and done a lot of things which I never would have had a chance to do in Hong Kong: dog sledding, skiing, jazz band I wouldn't have made it this far without you both, Mom and Dad. I'm blessed to have been born into this family.

Melanie Greenley

"Not all who wander are lost."
I want to thank my friends and family for helping me in becoming the person I am today. I definitely wandered a lot through high school, discovering different attributes and interests, and, through all that change, you supported me. I am especially thankful for my little group of friends; you are the craziest group of people I have ever met and I love you for it. To my sister, I want to thank you for being the best little sis I could ask for. Good luck in the next four years of high school; you're going to rock it! I love you so much, and I'm going to miss you like crazy next year. To all my friends in younger grades, I want to thank you for loving me despite my quirkiness which I brought to play and drama class. You had all better keep in touch or I'm coming after you! I'll see you all next year I expect the play to be over-the-top amazing! "The way I see it, every life is a pile of good things and bad things. The good things don't always soften the bad things; but, vice versa, the bad things don't necessarily spoil the good things or make them unimportant."

Graduates

"Now the trouble about trying to make yourself look stupider than you really are is that you very often succeed." High school is where you make mistakes, live, and create who you want to be. It won't be easy; sometimes it's hard and not fun, but when you get through to your last year you know you're going to miss all the memories you've made. One thing I have learned is that you can never have too much fun in high school - do everything you want and don't hold back; you will most likely regret holding back more than you regret doing something. I made some weird friends who are perfect in everyway. We made memories, happy and sad, which will not be forgotten. To my friends whom I will be leaving behind at Elmwood, I wish you the best of luck. You had better keep in touch with me! I love your face! "I wish that, for once, fairy tales real fairy tales, not Disney fairy tales would have a happy ending."

Gabriella Holden-Lathlin

Let me tell you a story. I was in grade three back in the good old days, before live pause and Tumblr. My parents told me I was going to visit this school for the day. I was nervous, but instantly students and my third grade teachers Mrs. G. (entertaining to say the least) and Mr. Adams welcomed me warmly. No matter how comfortable my stay was, though, at the end of the day, I cleaned out my cubby. I remember as I left, they remarked, "See you tomorrow!" Baffled, I answered, "I'm not coming back." This was my first and definitely not my last day at Elmwood; excluding my brief return to my homeland (a.k.a. England), I have been here for a whopping seven years. Since then several teachers have influenced and guided me. Mrs. Boychuk got me bitten by the drama bug, so now my life revolves around Captain Hook and stage-managing. Additionally, Mrs. Bradley somehow dealt with my lack of focus and helped keep my grades up. In conclusion, as much as my time here has been fun, I leave you with my last words of wisdom: "C-ya! Wouldn't want to be ya!"

Eleanor James-Beswick

Graduates

Charita Koya

It is hard to believe that 4 years have passed by without notice. It feels like just yesterday that I was walking through the halls for the first time, and in just a few short months, it will be my last. Time here really flies by so quickly. I learned how to step out of my comfort zone and challenge myself as a leader. Everything I have participated in has shaped my character over the last 4 years, and there are countless memories I will treasure forever. To my loving parents, thank you for all that you have done and for always having the highest of hopes for me. To my teachers and friends, I have had the best of times with you and, honestly, Elmwood would not have been the same without you. I am graduating with the confidence to face any challenge which the future may throw at me. We have definitely had our ups and downs, but, when it comes down to it, my experience here has been absolutely amazing.

Ornella Kuate Konga

It's crazy that it's over. I still can't believe it. I've grown a lot while being among my classmates. I genuinely hope that you all have good lives and that everything works out. You all truly deserve it.

Janan Lewars

It's funny, how we all think about this moment, but, when it comes, it becomes hard to compress four years of memories into a few words. I would like to thank my friends, family and teachers for their commitment to my success and for their guidance throughout high school. I am grateful for everything which I have learned, the people I have met and also the numerous challenges I've encountered and overcome.

To the Grads, as this chapter in our book closes, another one starts. Good luck to everyone in this new chapter. I hope that we all manage to achieve our dreams, make a few mistakes along the way, and learn from them.

Graduates

My first memory of Grade 6 is crying. Everything was big and new and scary and my parents had DEFINITELY tricked me: this wasn't Hogwarts. The four houses were a lie. I stood there in the middle of the new student welcome in my too-big blazer with my tie actively trying to choke me and I was trying very hard not to run away. Things got better - the head mistress calmed my distress; I decided Wilson was an acceptable sorting; and I finally grew into the blazer in Grade 9. More importantly, I made friends. I've been through a lot of those through the years, and when it comes right down to it, my friends are the exact reason I'd come to Elmwood all over again. I offer a BIG thank you to friends no longer at Elmwood, like AM, SV, PG, LW, and IM, and to friends with me today like MD, JS, GL, AB, SB, VB, KG, and MW. You guys rock. Finally, a thank you to my teachers: you've done a marvelous job putting up with my doodling and general lack of mathematical prowess. I'm university's problem now.

Gillian McCracken

At the beginning of my senior year, I was scared to think that next September I would not be putting on my uniform, getting ready for the first day of school, and that I would not be getting the pep talk from my parents in the car as we drove up the "big hill." What I kept telling myself is that this is not the end; it is just the beginning. Although I have now graduated, Elmwood will still be remembered as some of the best times of my life. This school has been my second home since junior kindergarten, for fourteen years. It has been a place where I have made mistakes and learned from them, taken risks, and learned that, with hard work and support from my teachers and friends, anything would be possible. Elmwood is the place where I grew up into the young adult I am today. Grads, even though we are each going down different paths in starting the next chapter of our lives, one thing which will keep us all together is the memories we have all created; we will carry them with us for years to come. Elmwood is the building blocks, and I could not have asked for a better foundation. It is because of the endless commitment and dedication of my teachers and the support of my friends that I am ready for whatever the future has to bring. Whatever obstacles and challenges I face, I can confidently say that I am ready for the next chapter.

Ameera Moledina

Graduates

Charlotte Murfin

My first visit to Elmwood was at Halloween. I had never seen such a crazy event as the cake auction, and I felt completely out of place! On that day, I would never have imagined that four years later, as the Junior School prefect, I would be organizing a Halloween party. These past four years have been incredible. Adventurous Duke of Ed trips, fun-filled grade trips and school events have made my high school experience unforgettable. Thank you to my amazing teachers who have provided me with inspiration and guidance. To my friends, thank you for all the laughs and memories which I will cherish forever. A special thank you goes to my incredible parents for their unconditional support and love; I love you both loads! Although I know I'll be far away, Elmwood will always be a cherished part of my life.

Emmie Page

Four years at Elmwood have brought numerous adventures, discoveries and people which couldn't have been matched anywhere but here! My teachers taught me never to stop asking why, and encouraged me to take on anything. I have made friends whom I am honored to have; they will remain my friends for life. I loved the Quebec City and Washington trips; DOE expeditions (dogsledding and white water canoeing); France/Belgium and hilarious times in Lille; Model UN and CAIS conferences! I have loved music and especially Elmwood Theatre, Cappies and the Galas, Field Hockey, the alpine ski team and my beloved CREW! I loved rowing at the Ontario Champs, Saratoga, Philly, Boston! A million thanks go to my rowing coaches. Nothing beats sunrises with my rowing team (past and present). Our last 5 a.m. practice on the Ottawa River will be my saddest moment at Elmwood. Always remember: #IBProblems, common room sessions, creating assembly videos and event prep. My biggest honour was being Head Girl of Elmwood! To the prefects: we have shared some amazing accomplishments this year! Thanks Mommy, Daddy and Ethan for pushing me... and catching me... and giving the love to make anything seem possible! JL- Merci pour tout! Jules, Janan, Jordy - your support and laughs got me through it all. CG - we will get back to the sea again. Becca, my boobear: 4 irreplaceable years with you are only the base for a lifetime of friendship. Thank you Elmwood. I am so proud of my incredible school.

Jordana Polisuk

For the past 14 years, Elmwood has been more than just a school to me. I could fill a book with all the lessons and memories I've gained from my years at Elmwood but still never do them justice. To my friends, thank you for being the best support system a girl could ask for. Whether it's a much-needed laugh or just an honest opinion, I can always count on you girls. I can't wait for the many more years of memories which are to come. To my parents and sis, thank you for all your love and support through all my endeavours. Finally, to the entire Elmwood community, thank you for teaching me to aim for the stars but providing a safe net to fall back on. Although it's my time to move on to new adventures, there will forever be a place for Elmwood in my heart.

Graduates

Over the past five years, Elmwood School has been a place of inspiration and encouragement for me to reach my full potential, and I believe I am well on my way. Looking back on my time here, I have only fond memories of the teachers and students I was privileged enough to spend my days with.
My time at Elmwood taught me that you don't always have to experience the world in the way you have been told to.
"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."
-Unknown

Sarah Rack

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."
I would like to thank Elmwood's teachers and staff for preparing me for the academic challenges to come, and for instilling in me the passion and confidence to excel as a student. Also, thank you to my parents for inspiring me to work hard and for always supporting me. Lastly, congrats grads! Good luck creating the wonderful lives I know you will all have!

Megan Skippen

Graduates

Jessica Thompson-Spence

"I'm on Aslan's side even if there isn't any Aslan to lead it. I'm going to live as like a Narnian as I can even if there isn't any Narnia."
High school hasn't been easy for me, but, above all, I am glad that I endured. Many people will not face hardship in high school (and the better for them) but the people who do will grow up more quickly than ever expected. Elmwood is by far the place to do it. Make mistakes; have fun; go crazy; live a little. I know it seems hard, but it is possible to have the maturity of an adult with the wonderfulness of a kid, because that's who we are. Let me count the times that I have fallen and gotten back up most notably through the absolute absurdity of my very good friends and their perfect oddities. Don't change yourself because, " To gild refined gold, To paint the lily, To throw perfume on the violet is just freking silly or something like that."

Courtney Townsend

Six years I've spent getting to know so many wonderful people. Six years I've spent discovering myself. I've spent six years in a school which has shaped me to be who I am today. Although not everyone has spent twelve, six, or even three years at Elmwood, the friendships made in these hallways will last a lifetime. I would like to thank all my amazing teachers who have helped me along this journey and put in their extra time to go over those tricky tests with me. To my classmates, as we end our plaid skirt & hunter green days and begin those of picking out our clothes every morning, may good fortune come your way! At the beginning of senior year, we begged for the year to go by quickly. Towards the middle, we begged for it to slow down, and at the end, we wished it would never stop.

Noor Turki

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, "Wherever we are, it is but a stage on the way to somewhere else, and whatever we do, however well we do it, it is only a preparation to do something else that shall be different."
Elmwood School has been a great stage to prepare me for the something different Stevenson writes about. I'm forever grateful for all the wonderful members of the Elmwood community, and will truly miss this amazing school.

Graduates

This year at Elmwood I have created so many memories. I had a lot of new experiences. Now, I am more independent. Thanks to my parents for giving me the opportunity and support to studying abroad; to my teachers for helping me with patience. Finally, to my friends, who have always been there for me.

Emily Zhao

It has been a wonderful year at Elmwood, a year which was filled with joy and new experiences. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me all the time and giving me whatever I want. I would also like to thank all my teachers at Elmwood who have always been patient and helpful; this is the best part I like about this school. It is just the beginning of my life's journey; I hope things go well in the future.

Serena Zou

KEEP CALM
AND
MAKE SOME
MEMORIES

Junior Kindergarten

Alyazia Al Shehhi

Mia Bettolli-Remonda

Rose Fox

Amelia Frauley

Clarissa Lauzon

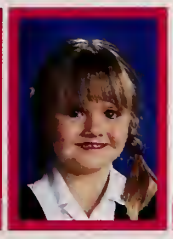
Sarah Legault

Hera Lu-Yang

This year's Junior Kindergarten class was a small, but spirited group of young girls! Lasting friendships were made, as the girls experienced their first year of school together at Elmwood. Highlights from this year included a trip to the Pumpkin Patch, the Teddy Bears' picnic and many outdoor adventures, including a winter skating trip. Some special learning projects included the paper airplane project, an inquiry project about worms and caring for our class pet, a much beloved betta fish. The girls very much look forward to more fun and learning together in Senior Kindergarten!

Senior Kindergarten

Sara Acharya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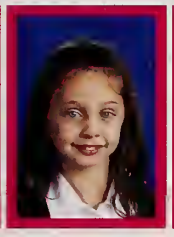
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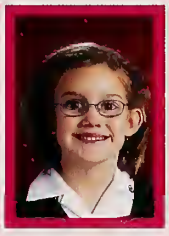
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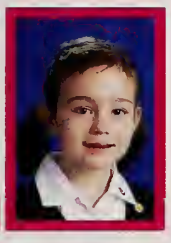
Ellena Waddington

Share everything.
Play fair.
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
Learn some and think some
And draw and paint and sing and dance
And play and work everyday some.
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.

We wish the Senior Kindergarten students the very best as they move up to Grade 1.

Grade 1

Jayne Acharya

Cleo Carney

Avery Conrad

Emma Fay

Ceili Halloran

Francesca James-Brennan

Naila Moloo

Maddy Moule

Eleonora Nadon

Elsa Saltel

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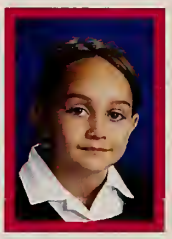
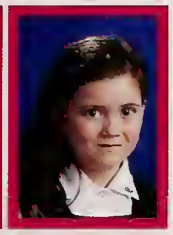

Clara White

2-4-6-8! We think Grade One is really great!
Here are the reasons why:
We are so lucky to have a Smart board and iPods.
We play lots of exciting Math games. Some are on our iPods.
We are building our own numbers scrolls. Some of us are past 1000!We do lots of writing! We love to read books and we became much better readers this year. We love the characters Nate the Great, Chester, Scaredy Squirrel, Skippy Jon Jones, Mr. Putter, and Fancy Nancy. We do fun activities and crafts.We have people from all around the world in our class.We love playing dodgeball and lots of other games in gym class. Sometimes during indoor recess we build forts. Ms. Strachan is a really good teacher and she is really sweet. We have so much fun.
We go to Grade One at a great school ELMWOOD!

Grade 2

Zafreen Abdullah

Betty Escher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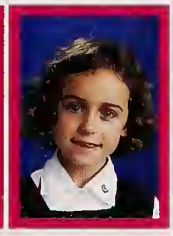
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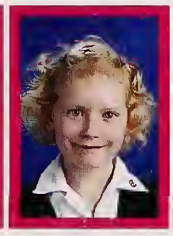
Igone Schotman

Bianca Sugunasiri

Sonja Swettenham

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Lucy Tucker

Great art projects
Respectful, reflective, risk-takers
Awesome math materials
Different subjects to learn
Exciting every step of the way!

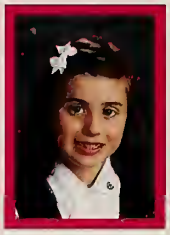
Terrific and talented students
We love learning with Ms. Huggins
Our class is fantastic and full of knowledge!

Grade 3

Eleanor Aycock

Celia Batchelor

Alexandra Boushey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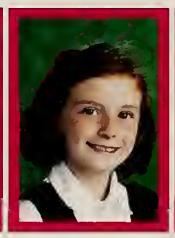
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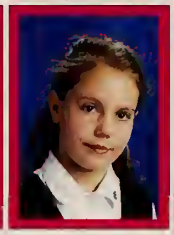
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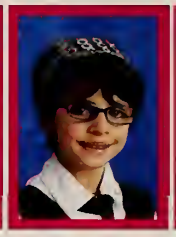
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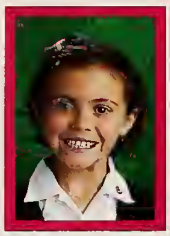
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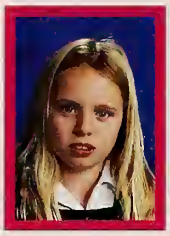
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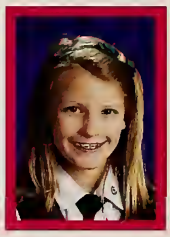
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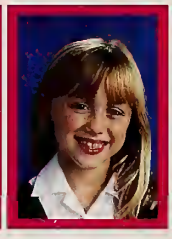
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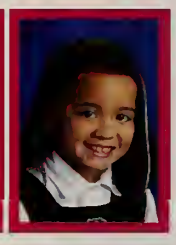
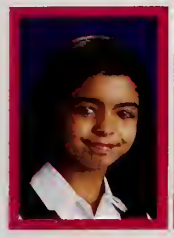

Marissa Wu

Imagine a class. A class that has so many great Units of Inquiry! Power of One, Strong and Stable, and so much more! This is Elmwoods grade 3 class. In the unit Power of One we did amazing slideshow presentations of people who made a difference in the world, such as, Muhammad Ali and in Whale of a Tale we wrote our own fairytales. Grade 3 is flying by, but the memories will last forever!

By: Avery Parkinson, Alex Boushey and Chantalia Fevrier-President

Grade 4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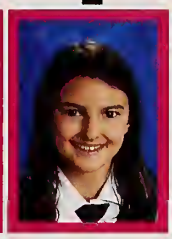
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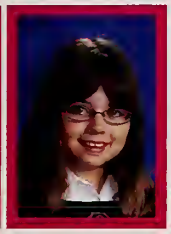
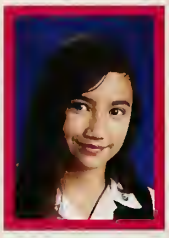

Kailey Walker

Caitlin Walsh

Grade 4 has had so many wonderful events, its so hard to pick only a few. But one of our favourites was when we wrote a book about Canada called "I Am Canada" and sent a copy to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premiere of Ontario and the Mayor of Ottawa. They even wrote us back and told us how much they enjoyed our book. But the best part of Grade 4 was creating memories with such a fun group of friends and teachers. We have come to realize that it doesn't matter where you are, it matters who you are with.

By: Sarah Allam & Grace Brunner

Grade 5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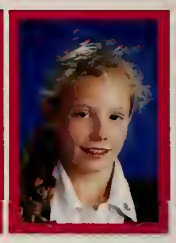
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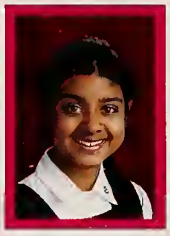
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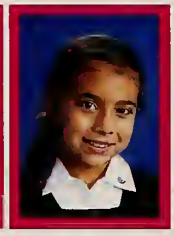
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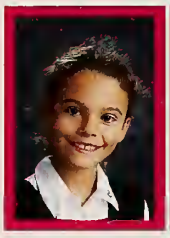
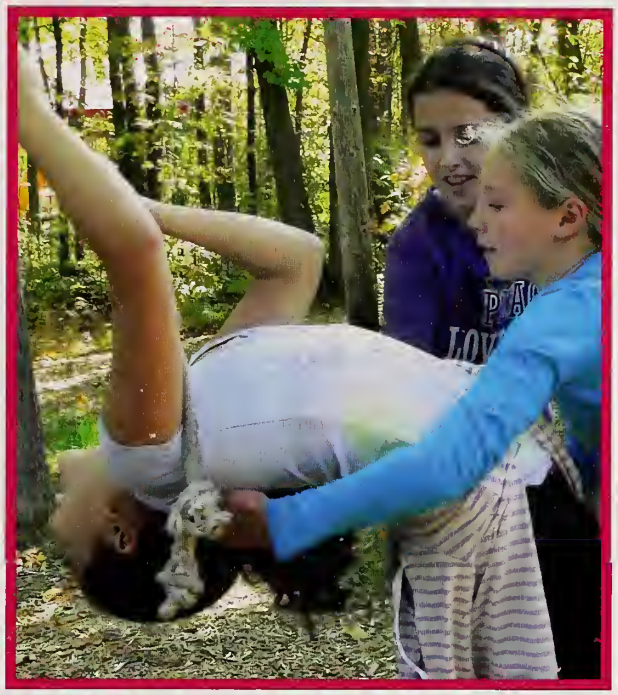

Isabel Smith

Kelly Wang

Patricia Werdnik

Grade 5 has been the best time we have had at Elmwood. From meeting new classmates, to Y-Camp, to Exhibition, this year has been a blast. Meeting new people was so exciting, getting to know them and creating new friends is amazing. In Grade 5, we all work together as a team. We are artists, researchers, hard workers, and most of all we are friends. Y-Camp was full of adventures. We had a wonderful time climbing all sorts of amazing structures. We enjoyed learning how to use a compass and working together. Our PYP Exhibition is one of the biggest activities we conduct, it is where we research, make amazing projects, and learn how to present to an audience. Grade 5 has been special and we will remember all of our memories together. We have learned so much from our teachers and our friends. We will miss the Junior School and never forget Grade 5.

Alisha and Hannah



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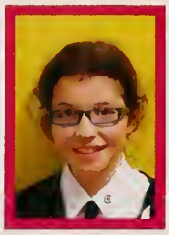
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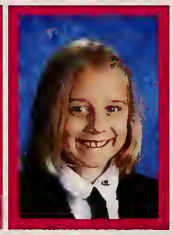
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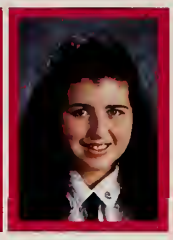
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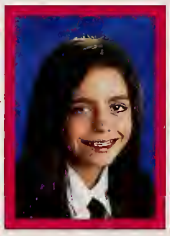
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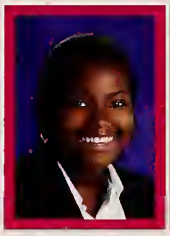
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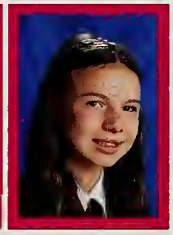
Marlene Wassermann

Jaida Wilson

Lisa Xing

Ashton Yau

Grade six was an incredible start to entering the middle school! Our teachers are amazing, whether they are our homeroom teachers, or teachers for different classes. We dont know what we would do without them. Some of the new adventures such as Camp Elmwood and the Montreal trip were really fun! At Camp Elmwood, we did many quiet and adventurous activities such as the Inuit Blanket and Worry Doll Making. The cabins were very comfortable and we got to know each other well. It has been a great year and we look forward to grade seven.

By: Kieren McClelland

Grade 7

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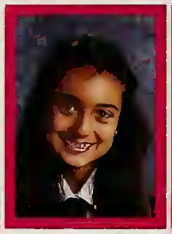
Ina Arora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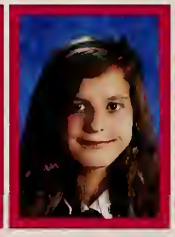
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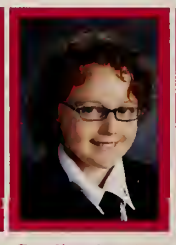
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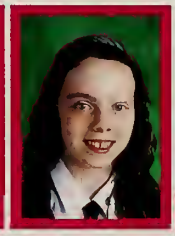
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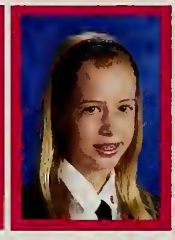
Caelyn Want

Aya Yoshizawa

Emma Young

Leen Zaghloul

This year the Grade 7 students learned a lot, had fun and made lots of new friends. It started with Camp Elmwood, where we bonded over spirit day and campfires. Early in December, we enjoyed the amazing acting skills of the MS musical of Alice in Wonderland. Over Christmas break, we all traveled far and wide, but eventually had to come back. A noteworthy event of 2013 for the Grade 7's was the amazing Quebec trip, coordinated by Ms. Laflamme where we went to a carnival, had delicious beavertails and learned about Quebec's amazing history. Later on, three Grade 7 students travelled to Ecuador for the Me to We trip, and came back with new eyes to see the world. But sadly, this amazing year passed by so quickly before our eyes, and we all return next year with amazing memories that we can hold next to our hearts. - Hannah Keough

Grade 8

Vera Abd El Malek

Monica Alicea

Samphe Ballamingie

Emily Bangsboll

Chloé Bonnet

Julia Brazeau

Kylie Brownlee

Sian Bryson

Cailin Craigen

Bronwen Crystal

Julia Crystal

Hoda Darwish

Dora Deng

Dana El-Ramahi

Sijyl Fasih

Claudia Finak-Fournier

Mallory Fung Kee Fung

Erica Giustiniani

Sydney Greenley

Ciara Halloran

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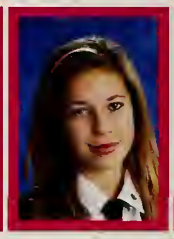
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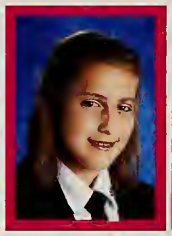
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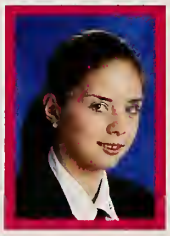
Britney Smith

Sophia Smith

This has been an amazing year for the grade eight class. Over the year, we have shared many inside jokes and made tons of memories. Camp Elmwood and our trip to Toronto gave us the opportunity to get to know each other a lot better and to catch up with old friends. As a group, we have had so much fun together. All together, we make an unbreakable family, and we will always remember our grade eight year. Every obsession, every dance and every test we have been through has made this a year to remember.

-Cailin Craigen

Sophia Swettenham

Hannah Sykes

Emma Trudel

Lucy Whichelo

Hope Wingert

Kelly Zhang

Grade 9

Alexandra Angell

Sophie Barnes

Vicky Bolitho

Hannah Dolhai

Quinn Fincham

Mizuki Fukui

Sophia Gayowsky

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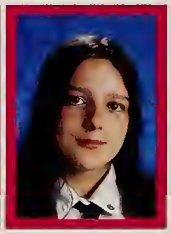
Samantha Thompson-Spence

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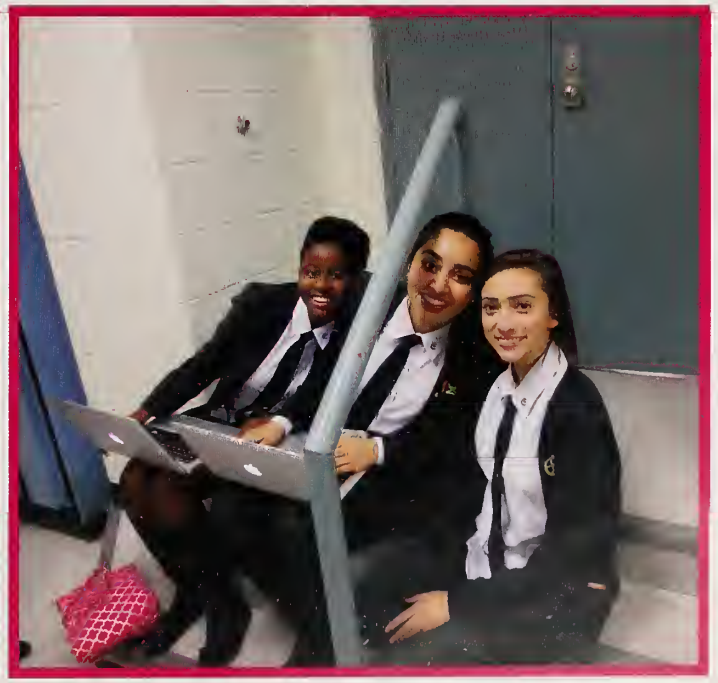
Anne-Marie Tremble

Tessa Van Haastrecht

Farrah Yuan

From venturing the great outdoors to achieve our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze to visiting the Big Apple for our annual trip, the ninth grade collaborated and stuck together throughout the whole year. Additional highlights of our fantastic year include becoming certified in first aid and self-defence, attending professional theatre (such as Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen) and visiting several museums to expand and support our knowledge in an interactive manner. So many academic and extracurricular activities have helped us students to excel in our accomplishments. On the first day of high school, we were anxious, and excited, to finally become freshmen. Numerous months later, we will now be entering sophomore year with all of the fascinating information we have learned, long-lasting friendships we have made, and joyful laughter that we have had. This experience has been genuinely remarkable, and we are truly proud of our achievements. We are eager for the future, and ready to face the last three years of school as a collective.
Dania Rida



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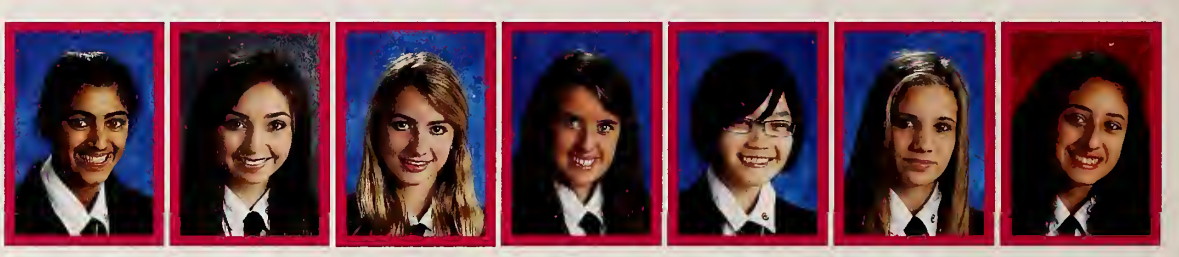

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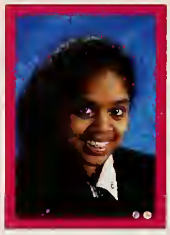
Elmwood's graduates, the sophomore year of 2013, have been through thick and thin, the good and the unforeseen. From bonding at Camp Elmwood, to riding dog sleds in the harsh Canadian winter for Duke of Edinburgh Silver (coincidentally scheduling the trip for the coldest day of the winter), we have seen what grade ten has to offer us future juniors. The year's events have helped us discover who we are, and through these discoveries, they've guided us into places where we had never previously gone. The curve balls and unexpected events keeping us on our toes, we have trudged on like soldiers and in the words of Ms. Frizzle from The Magic School Bus we have "taken chances, made mistakes and gotten messy." We truly cannot wait to find out more about ourselves and to dive deeper into education and everything that Elmwood has to offer us as sophomores.
-Katya Brooks

Grade 11

Katherine Alvarenga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Celina Gilligan

Mckenzie Gowie

Kelley Gu

Brynley Hanson-Wright

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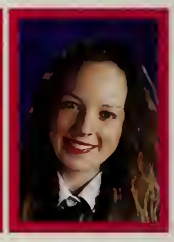
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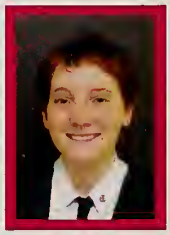
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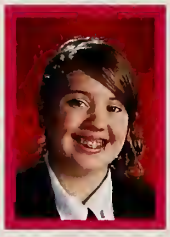

Mackenzie Walker

Zoe Wallace

Chu Wang

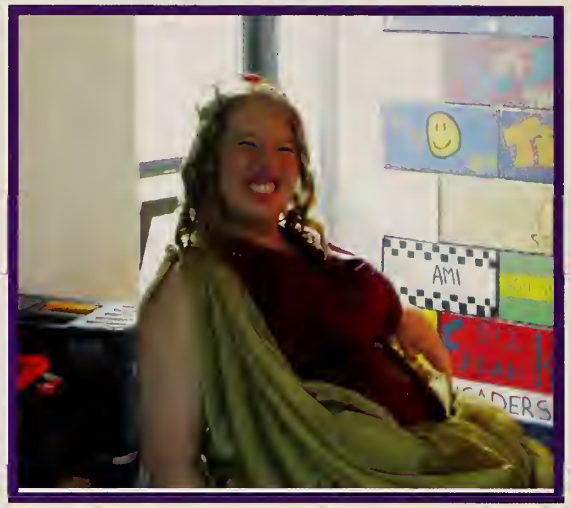
Vivian Wang

Alex Watson

Elaine Zhang

Grade 11 has been quite an emotional roller coaster. We've all become such good friends this year, and I know that these girls will become amazing leaders next year. We had a lot of fun leading our groups at Camp Elmwood House Spirit Regatta, and going to Washington, D.C. in the fall. You could see many of us on sports teams like field hockey, volleyball and rugby. We performed airbands, got up in assembly, and made people laugh. Most of all, we became a family. Grade 11 Elmsies forever!

Zoe Wallace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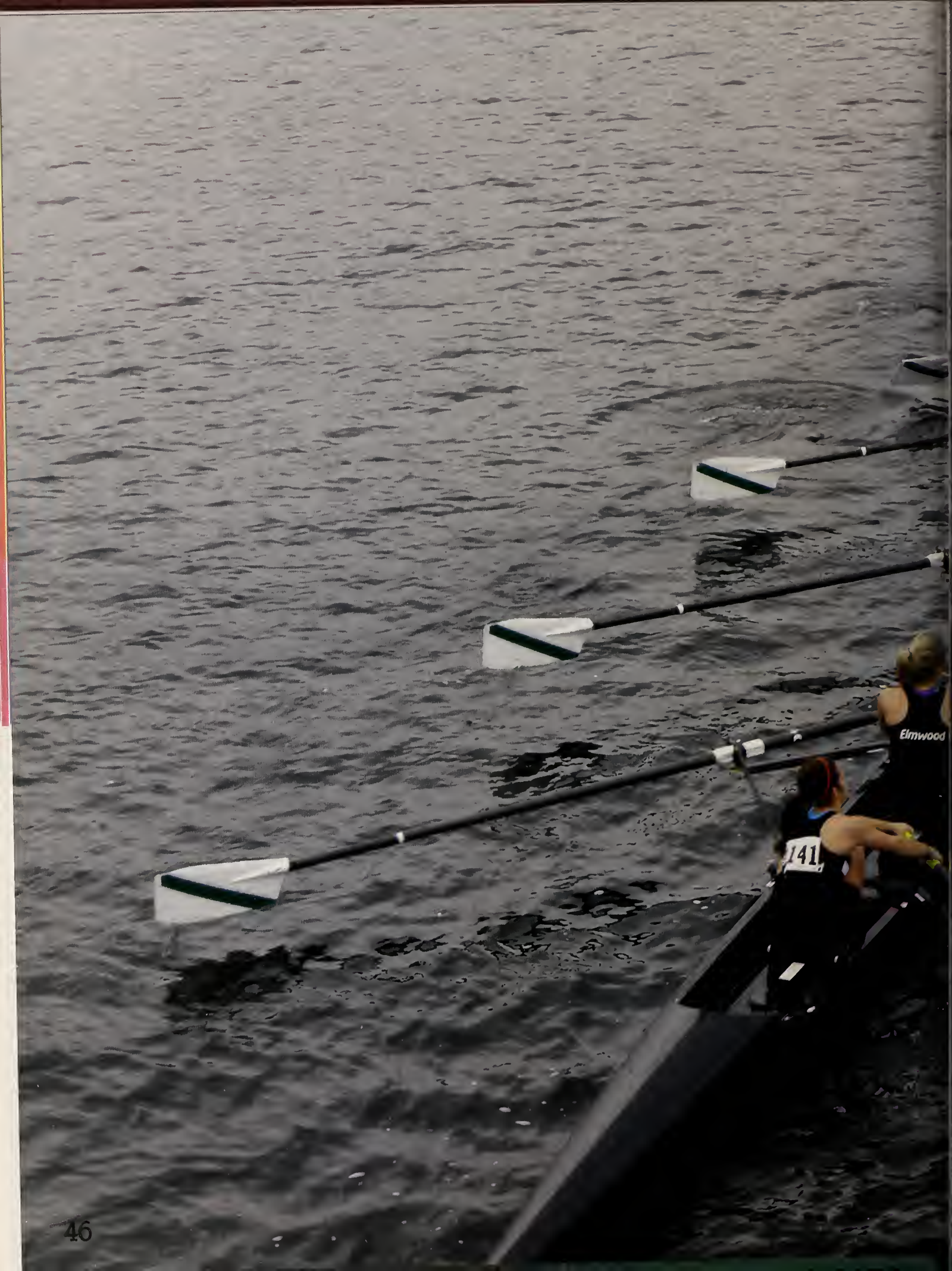
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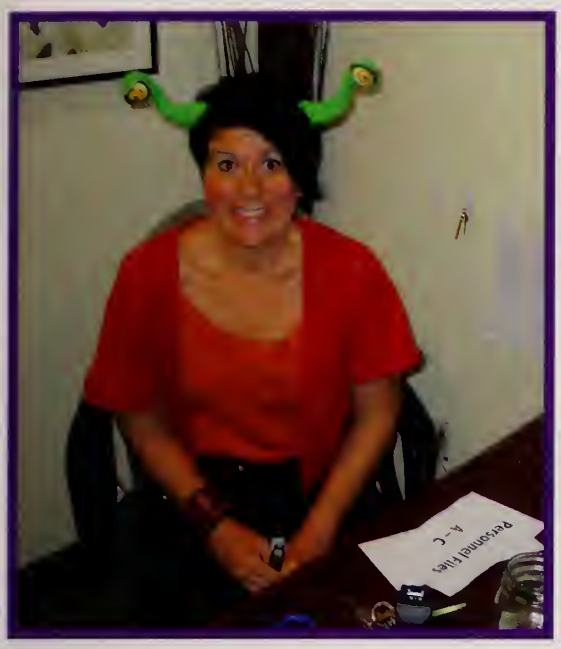
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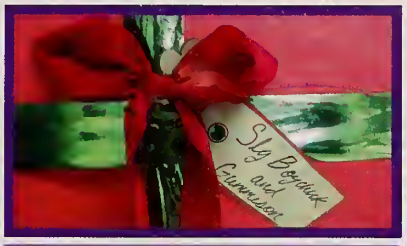

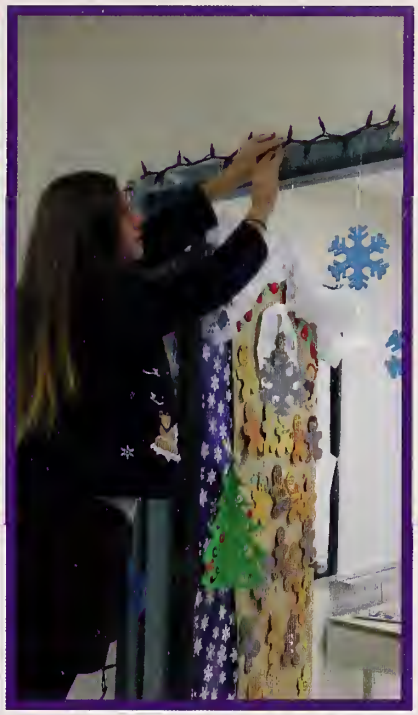

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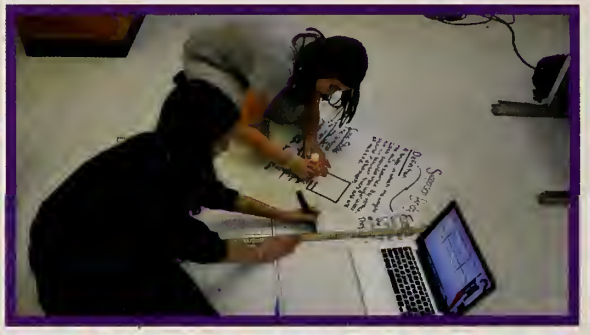

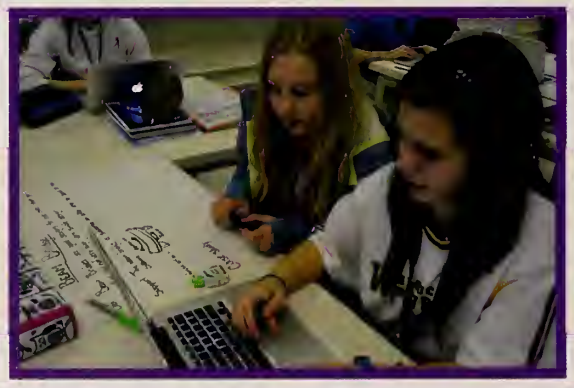

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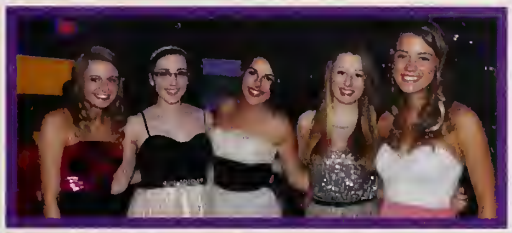
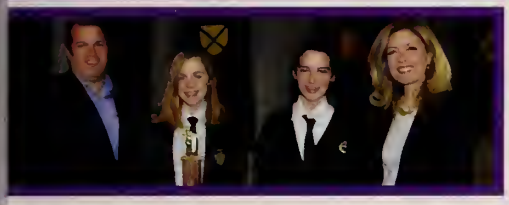

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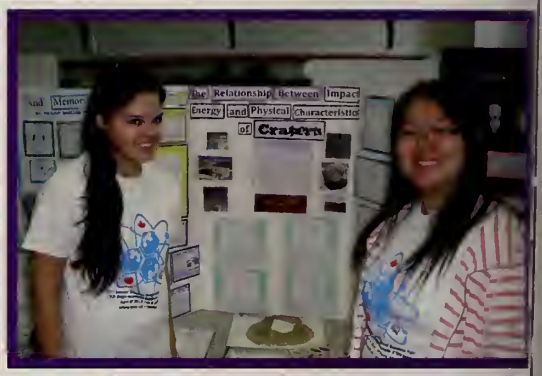
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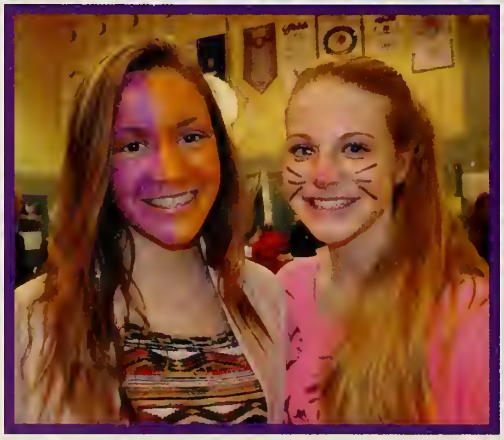

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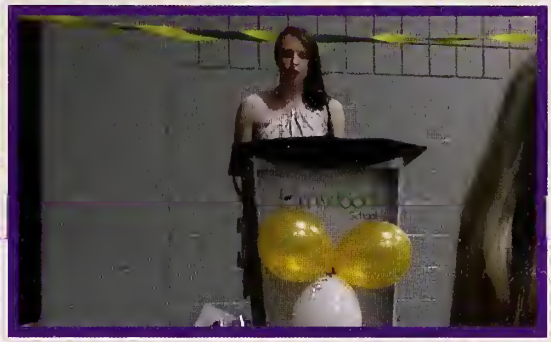

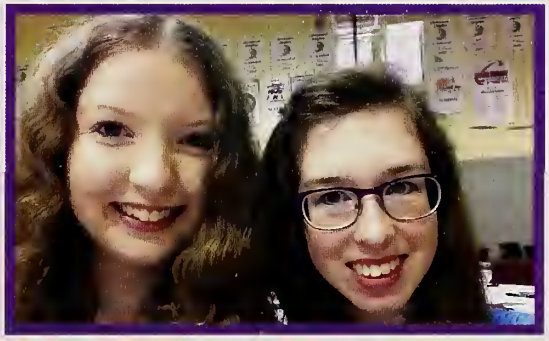

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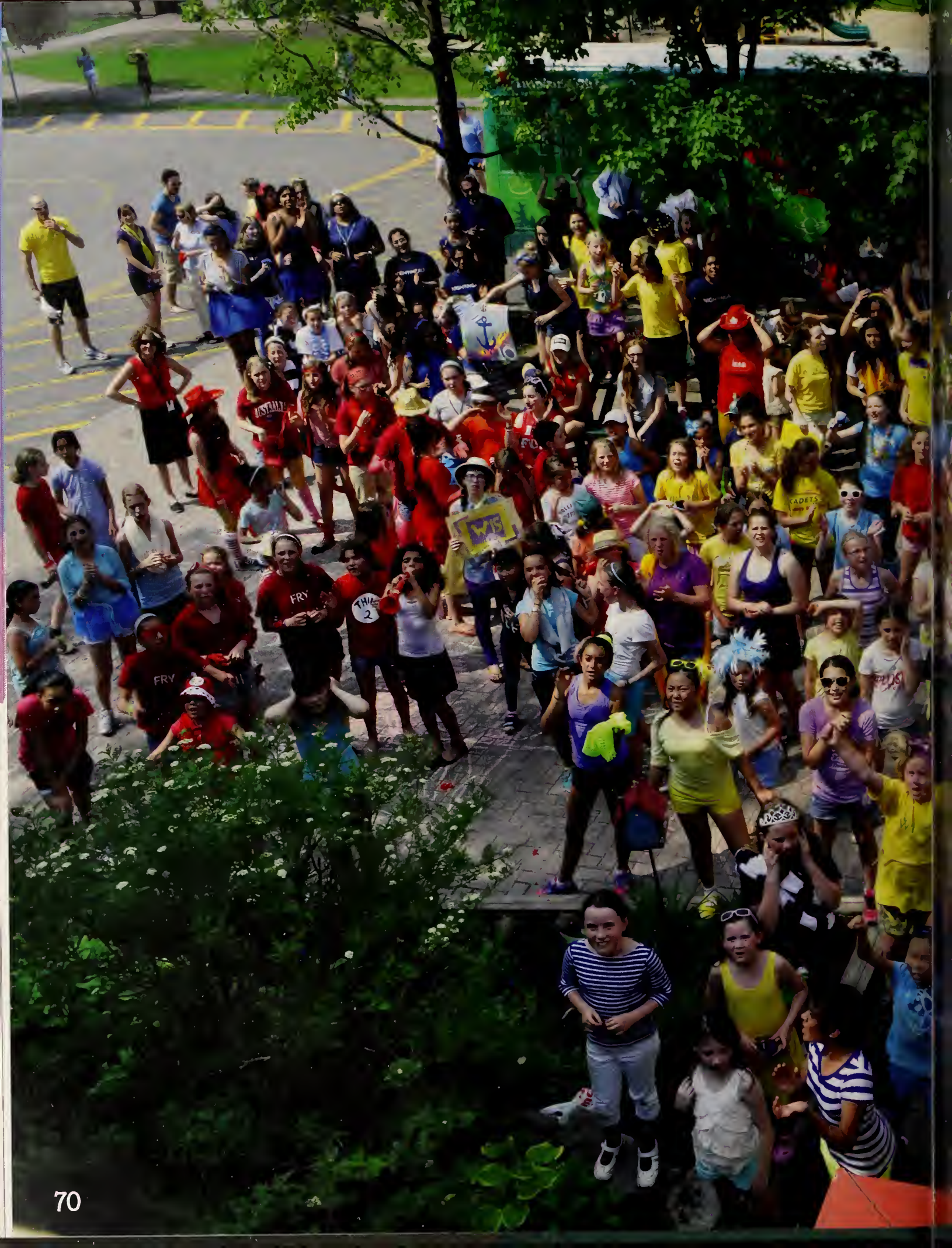
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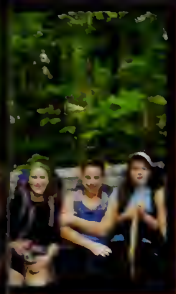
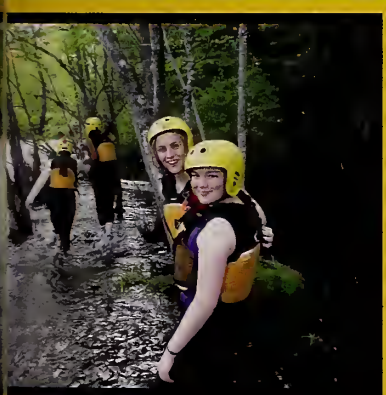


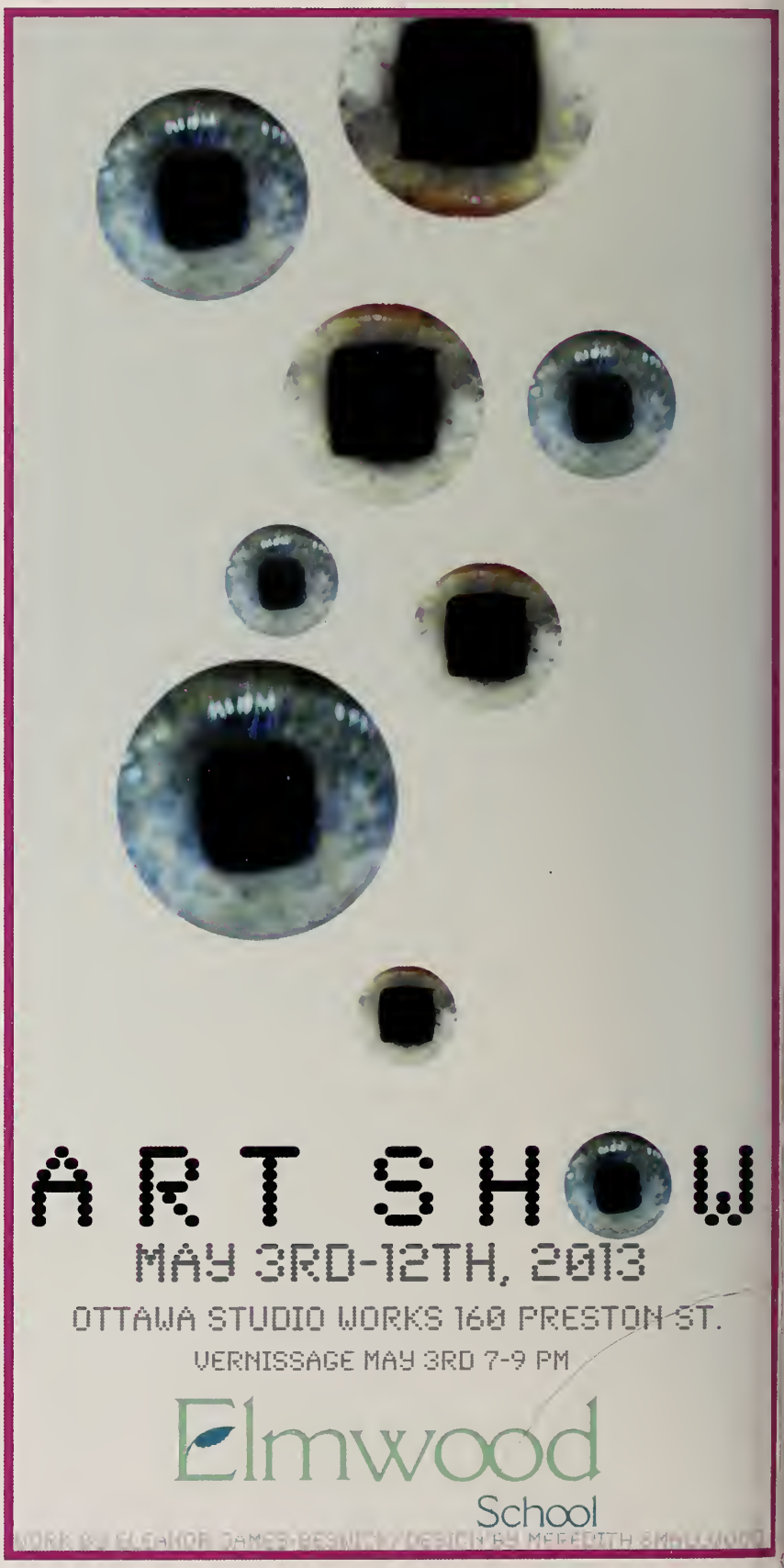


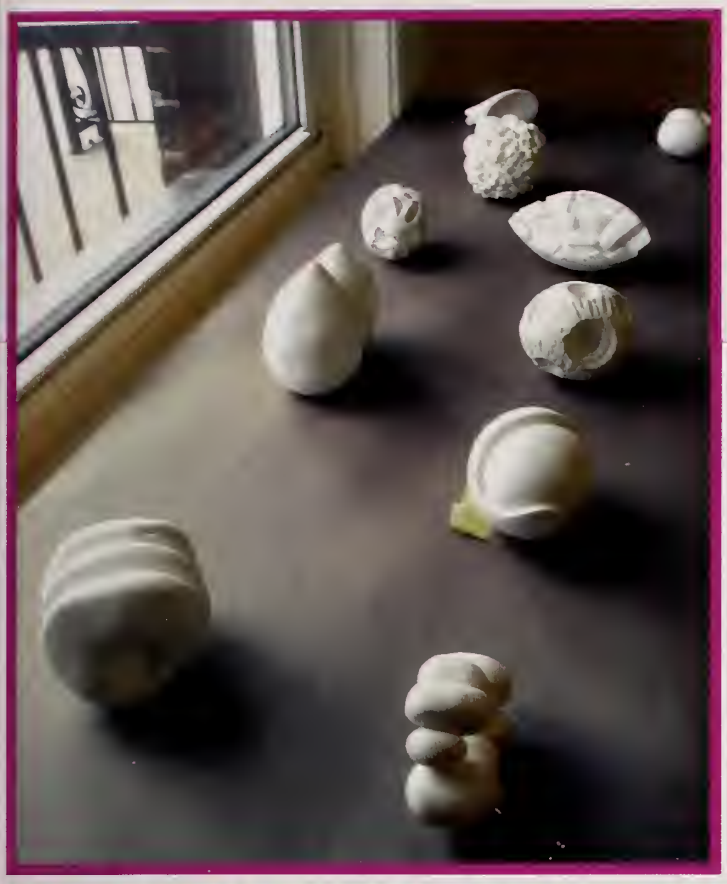
Arts & Lit

The Orchestra of Nature

The orchestra of nature is an extraordinary group
of natures musicians
Their pieces are the most beautiful hymns
Achieved day after day
Little birds chirp - a chorus.
Beautiful, alive
Happiness flowing through every cord
Loons cry over the farmer's lakes and lands
like French horns,
humming with delight
The wind wuthers loud and soft.
severe and delicate
like the drumming of a small percussion
instrument,
The calm after a storm is similar
To the crescendo
of a together blending orchestra,
Humongous paws pound the ground,
In its big, low tones,
a bass-drum pounding
The rippling and lapping
Of a nearby stream,
Characterizing skilled hands
Gliding over treble clef keys of a piano,
When the sun rises over a lake, its light makes
The water's surface seem like a glittery mirror,
If tiny sparkling tips of soft waves pop up
They have the appearance of a Xylophone
playing,
The rain hailing down during a storm
over a normally, stunningly beautiful place,
sounding like drumsticks patting fast as if on a
little drum,
When mist covers deserted empty areas
it feels like a cello is
Stroking a sad piece over its strong, metal strings
Mosquitoes buzz in their mysterious, yet
annoying way
Similar to a Violins
Lovely striking over the thin
Strings producing a lovely soprano harmony.
Great wild beasts roar through
Their caves in the deep, dark forest
like the strong lungs that
Must have supported bringing loud and low
Tones out of a tuba,
My worst and deepest fear of all of fears,
Is that this most valuable yet vulnerable,
Orchestra will soon be destroyed
By none other than us

Veronika Lassl





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Junior School

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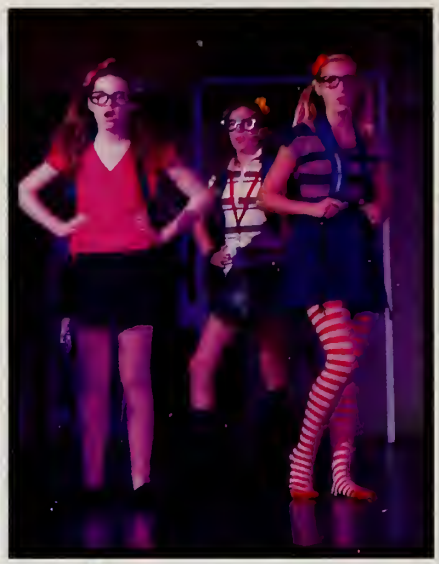
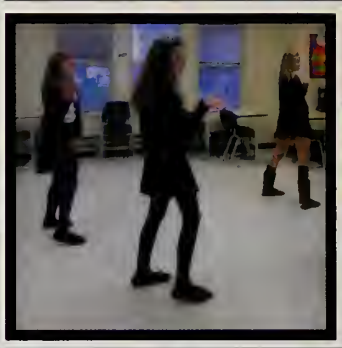
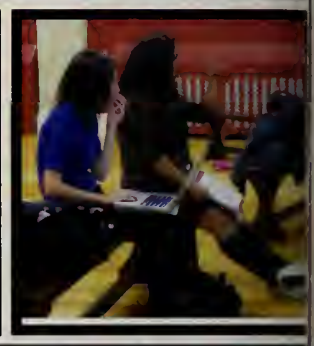
Middle School Musical: Alice vs. Wonderland

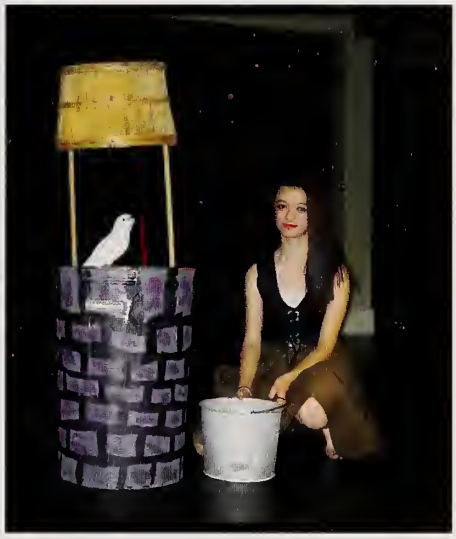


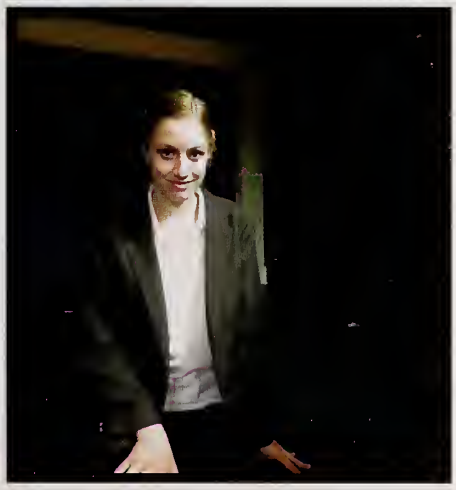




This years was Alice Vs. Wonderland - the incredible, mysterious and quirky tale of one pre-teen girl (or perhaps six different persona of the same girl), and her journey of self-discovery and coming of age by taking a fantastical trip through daily teenage life - in other words, Wonderland! Students from Grades Six, Seven, and Eight rehearsed over the course of three months.The girls learned acting techniques from their Director, Ms. Noon, and Co-Director, Ms. Walsh, pop songs such as "Amnesia" and "Glycerine", thanks to Musical Director Mr. Gummeson, and new dance routines created by talented student choreographers, Emily Bangsboll and Dania Rida.

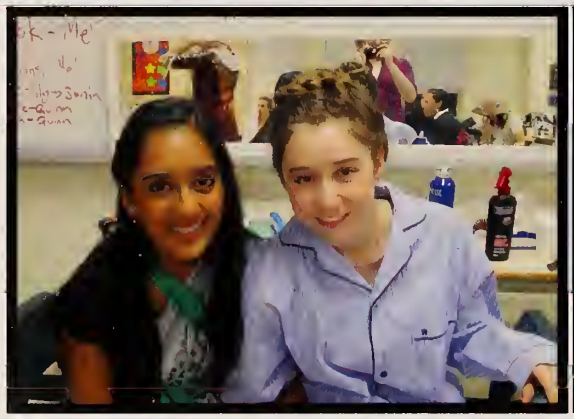
Grade 8 Drama

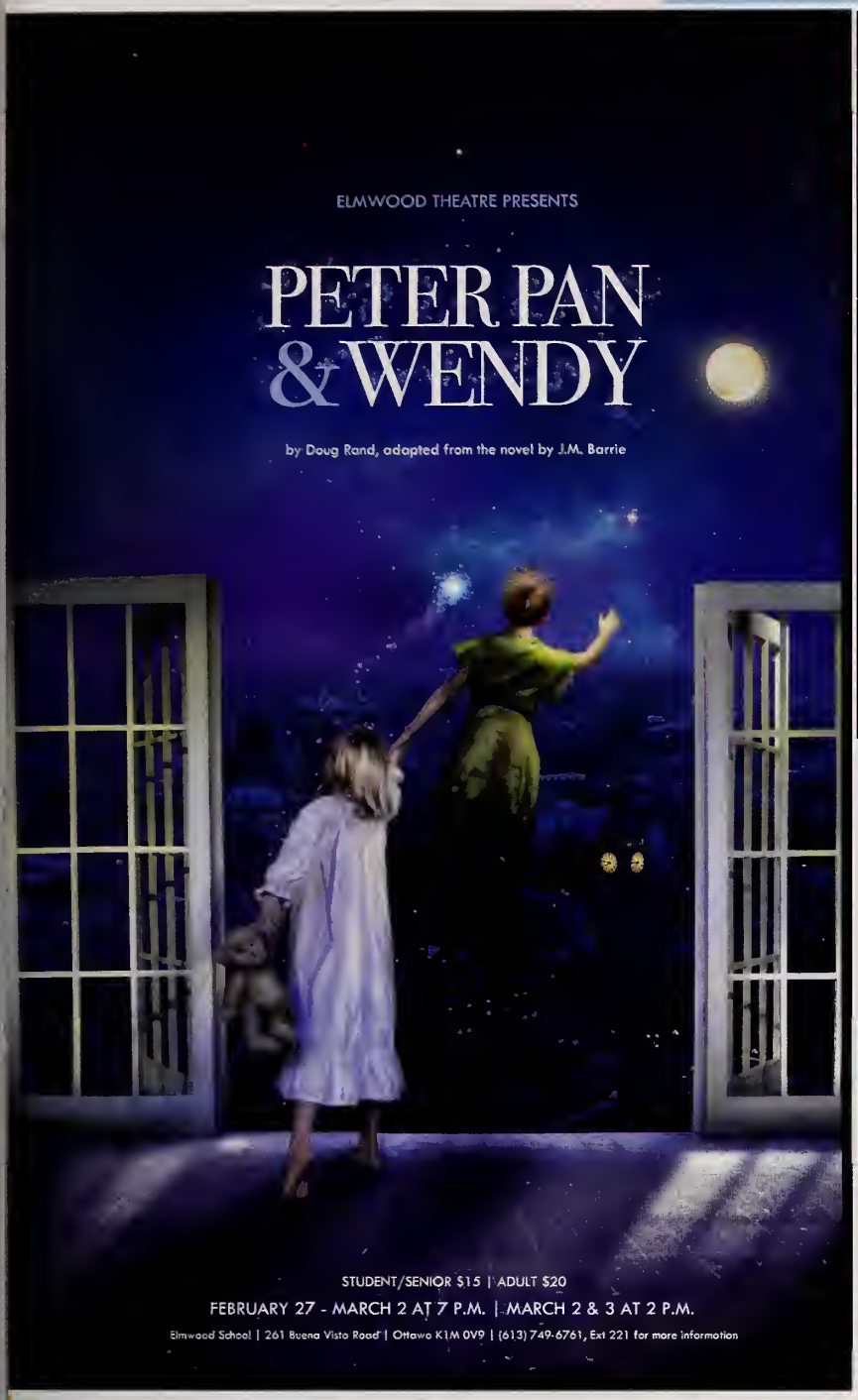


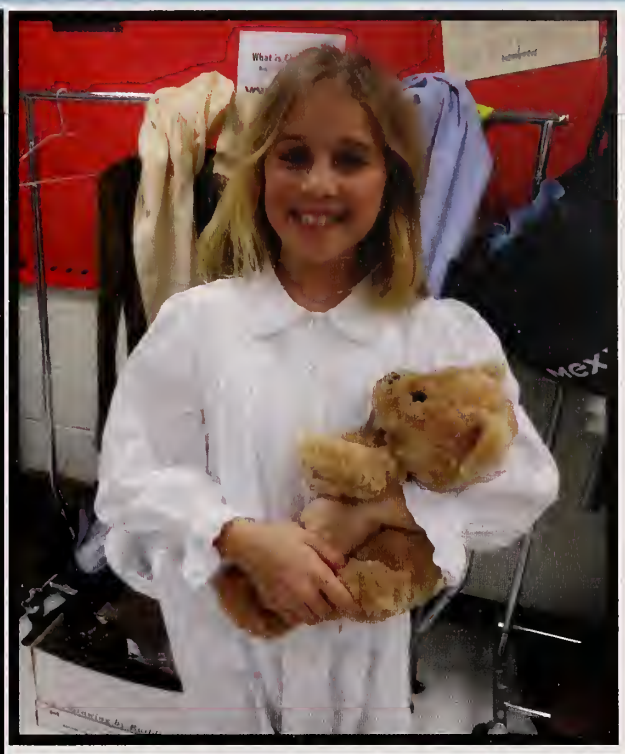


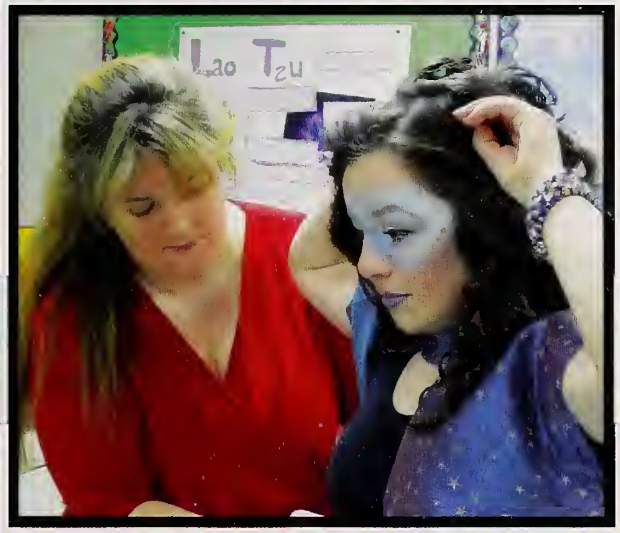
"For centuries, audiences have cherished these beloved fairly tales and characters as they listened to tales of bravery, magic, and love. Now, it is finally time to hear the real stories, from the characters themselves, to learn about their own perspectives on the classic tales told about them. Sit back, relax, and venture into a world of wonder."
-Quote from Fairytales, shaken not stirred.

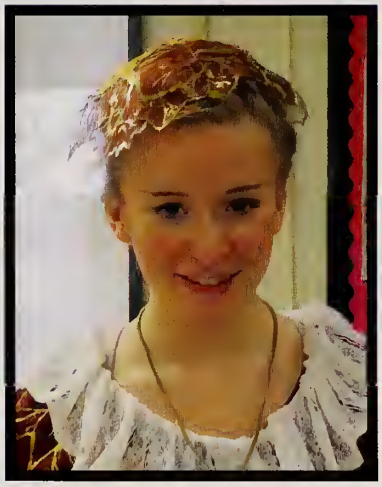
Senior School Production
Peter Pan











As members of Elmwood Theatre's production of J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan & Wendy, (adapted by Doug Rand) we can say, most sincerely, that it was a very memorable experience. The most exciting time was the final month. With keen anticipation we busied ourselves memorizing lines; finalizing blocking; establishing scene transitions; mastering the puppetry; painting the sets and prop pieces; organizing the costumes and make-up; and fine-tuning all aspects of the production. Moving back and forth between two worlds – London and Neverland – was not without its many challenges. However, we had the magic of Barrie's original story to help us with our journey, not to mention the company's strong sense of camaraderie and of course, in the end, our wonderful audiences, who fuelled our seven performances with their warm and appreciative response. Never a night went by when the children did not save Tinker Bell with their sweet applause. What an exhilarating feeling!

Keep Calm And....

M. Robertson

Mrs. Neale

Mrs. Derbyshire

Mrs. Kindree

Guess Who's Who?

Mrs. Walsh

Mr. Small

Ms. Rossiter

Mrs. Tweedie

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5/6 Soccer

Stephanie Townsend, Hayley Conrad, Tara Rida, Isabella Bruinsma, Hannah Goldstein, Kennedy Reid, Maya Ladki, Karen Jarvlepp, Avery Want, Leah Smith, Sophie L-B, Natalia Morris, Andrea Douglas, Grace Goldberg

Coaches: Ms. Tweedie & Mme Gavan

7/8 Soccer

Emily Bangsboll, Chloe Bonnet, Hannah Charness, Carolina Chavez Pierce, Bronwen Crystal, Claudia Finak-Fournier, Ciara Halloran, Helen Hume, Katherine Keough, Jacqueline Law, Brigitte McElligott, Ava Mierins, Victoria Radburn, Allegra Richter, Eva Sabine, Devon McSweeney, Caelyn Want

Coaches: Ms. Walsh, Megan Sweeney & Ava Hambleton, Manager: Ms. Noon

6/7/8 Cross-Country

Andrea Douglas, Amelia Carney, Hayley Conrad, Erica Leighton, Karen Jarvlepp, Jaida Wilson, Mikayala Levitt, Sophie L-B, Eva Sabine, Bronte Assadzadeh, Lucy Wichelo, Emma-Rose Robinson, Allegra Richter, Emma Trudel, Claudia Finak-Fournier

Coach: Ms. Mulcahy

7/8 Flag Rugby

Sophia Smith, Mallory Fung-Kee Fung, Cailin Craigen, Katharina Auster, Hannah Keough, Sarah Murray, Faith Labarre, Erica Giustiniani, Bronte Assadadeh, Hope Rikhtegar, Leanne Gaussorgues, Vera Abd El Malek, Emma Young

Coach: Ms. Derbyshire

5/6 Volleyball

Emma Birchall, Grace Bradstock, Anna DeFilice, Andrea Douglas, Saskia Griffiths, Isabella Bruinsima, Natalia Morris, Karen Jarvlepp, Sophie Bothwell, Avery Want, Addison Hathway, Marlene Wassermann

Coach: Ms. Tweedie

7/8 Volleyball

Lyanna Abdul Rahman, Katharina Auster, Samphe Ballamingie, Emily Bangsboll, Chloe Bonnet, Hannah Charness, Bronwen Crystal, Claudia Finak-Fournier, Emily Hartvitch, Katya Jansen Poulin, Ava Mierins, Hope Rikhtegar, Emma Young

Coaches: Mrs. Kilbertus & Julia Cork

8 Rowing

Bronwen Crystal, Hope Wingert, Julia Brazeau, Kylie Brownlee, Hoda Darwish, Katya J-P, Sheetza McGarry, Sian Bryson, Emma Trudel, Emily Bangsboll

Coaches: Andrew Harfield Lindsey Maguire, Derek OFarrell, Gabrielle Papineau, Derek Howe

Senior Basketball

Julia Cork, Janan Lewars, Sarah Clarke, Melani Anantharajamuthaly, Daphnee Dubouchet-Olsheski, Alex Watson, Lauren Rapp, Alycia McIntosh, Sophia Caragianis, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Sophie Barnes, Laura Morrison

Coaches: Ms. Navarro and Mrs. Brownlie

Golf

Victoria Murray, Gabby Holden-Lathlin

Coach: Mrs. Neale

Senior Cross-Country

Hannah Dolhai, Ava Hambleton, Jordyn Leighton, Sally Liu, Dania Rida, Fumi Shibutani, Meera Singla, Anne-Marie Tremble, Maria Aho-Merlo, Nicola Goldsmith, Erin Lounder, Valerie Molnar, Zein Zaghloul, Celina Gilligan, Joa Hoshizaki, Elaine Zhang

Coach: Ms. Claman

Field Hockey

Upkeerut Saran, Brynley H.W, Erica Cody, Paige Tremblay, Joa Hoshzaki, Sonia Siddiqui, Katherine Snelling, Zoe Wallace, Amanda Thoo, Victoria Murray, Alex Houlton, Carlotta Cellini, Zein Zaghoul, Emmie Page, Megan Russell, Quinn Fincham, Sarah Miller, Katya Brooks, Elaine Zhang

Coaches: Ms. Barton and Ms. Purran

5/6 Basketball

Tara Rida, Leah Smith, Avery Want, Bethany Fitch, Addison Hathaway, Emma Birchall, Karen Jarvlepp, Emma Boushey, Marlene Wassermann, Saskia Griffiths, Ashton Yau, Dalia Sawaya, Sophie L-B, Caitlin Baxter, Andrea Douglas

Coaches: Mrs. Bradley, Paige Tremblay & Sarah Clarke

7/8 Badminton

Emma Trudel, Kelly Zhang, Sijyl Fashi, Ava Vandenbelt, Hannah Keough, Hope Rikhtegar, Ava Mierins, Katarina Auster

Coaches: Ms. Mulcahy & Katya Brooks

8 Ski/Snowboarding

Alpine Ski:
Kylie Brownlee, Cailin Craigen, Julia Crystal, Dora Deng, Claudia Finak-Fournier, Allegra Ritcher, Emma-Rose Robinson, Lucy Whichelo

Snowboard:
Samphe Ballamingie, Sian Bryson, Katya Jansen Poulin, Heather Lounder, Kelly Zhang

Coaches: Ms. Rubarth & Mr. Robertson

7/8 Futsal

Claudia Finak-Fournier, Bronwen Crystal, Emily Bangsboll, Ciara Halloran, Victoria Radburn, Cynthia Sedlezky, Allegra Richter, Katherine Keough, Leane Gaussorgues, Carolina Chavez Pierce, Caelyn Want, Hannah Charness

Coaches: Mr. Gummeson & Alex Vincent

Junior Volleyball

Sophie Ackert, Sophie Barnes, Katya Brooks, Sreenija Koya, Lauren Lambert, Brooke Mierins, Jenna Moledina, Valerie Molnar, Aiyanna Morris, Laura Morrison, Margaret Pateman, Paige Tremblay

Coach: Ms. Stirling

Senior Volleyball

Julia Cork, Charita Koya, Jordan Smith, Joa Hoshizaki, Brynley Hanson-Wright, Natascha Jansen-Poulin, Alex Houlton, Erica Coady, Sarah Morrison, Justine Frame

Coaches: Mrs. Neale and Ms. Stirling

Nordic Skiing

Nicola Goldsmith, Jordyn Leighton, Kat Snelling, Hannah Dolhai, Mckenzie Gowie, Ameera Moledina, Anne-Marie Tremble

Coaches: Ms. Derbyshire and Nicola Goldsmith

Alpine Skiing

Sophie Ackert, Eleanor Berks, Olivia Casarramona, Alexa Colbert, Christine Ding, Quinn Fincham, Ava Hambleton, Chloe Lucas, Brooke Mierins, Emmie Page, Alexandra Pipe, Lauren Rapp, Allegra Ritcher, Aurelie Ritcher, Monica Taing, Gabriella Yankowich

Coach: Ms. Rubarth

Swimming

Bronte Assadzadeh, Katharina Auster, Caroline Capehart, Hannah Charness, Shannon Howarth, Katherine Keough, Jenny McCracken, Brigitte McElligott, Ava Mierins, Sarah Murray, Eva Sabine, Ava Vandenbelt, Sophia Smith

Middle School Athletic Assembly

Sports Team	MVP	MSP/MIP
5/6 Soccer	Tara Rida	Mya Ladki
5/6 Volleyball	Emma Birchall	Grace Bradstock
5/6 Basketball	Tara Rida	Avery Want
5/6 Badminton	Andrea Douglas	Grace Goldberg (MIP)
6/7 Relay	Marlene Wasserman, Kennedy Reid, Grace Goldberg, Karen Jarvlepp	Eva Sabine
7/8 Soccer	Claudia Finak-Fournier	Lean Gaussorgues
7/8 Rugby	Cailin Craigen	Chloe Bonnet
7/8 Volleyball	Emily Bangsboll	
7/8 Basketball	Carolina Chavez Pierce	Katherine Keough , AvaVandenbett
7/8 Badminton	Ava Mieriens, Ava Vandenbelt	Caroline Chavez Pierce
7/8 Swim		Sian Bryson, Katya Jansen-Poulin
7/8 Ultimate Frisbee	Helen Hume	
8 Rowing		
7/8 Futsal	Claudia Finak-Fournier	
6-8 Cross-Country	Erica Leighton	Jaida Wilson

Special Awards

Grade 6 Athletic Award - **Avery Want** (5/6 Badminton, 5/6 Basketball, 5/6 Soccer, 5/6 Volleyball, 6/7 Relay)

This award is given to students in Grade 6 who are well-rounded and exceptional athletes who display positive attitude and good sportsmanship. Recipients often participate in several sports, both inside and outside of school, and demonstrate outstanding skill and dedication to their sport.

Grade 7 Jody McLaren Cup - **Carolina Chavez-Pierce**

This award was donated to the school by Jody McLaren. Jody was a Middle School Health & Physical Education teacher at Elmwood for 25 years. She left Elmwood in 1998. The Jody McLaren Cup is given every year to a Grade 7 student who has shown excellence in athletics. The individual must demonstrate a high level of athletic skill and show dedication and commitment to their sports.

Grade 8 Crowdy Weir Bantam Award - **Emily Bangsboll**

This award is given each year to a Grade 8 student who demonstrates athletic excellence. This individual must demonstrate a high level o athletic skill and show dedication and commitment to their sports.

Fauquier Junior Award - **Bronwen Crystal**

This cup is awarded each year to a Middle School student who demonstrates a positive attitude and love for the game. This individual leads by example, encourages others and consistently exhibits sportsmanlike behaviour.

Grade 8 Honour Athletic Award

1. **Bronwen Crystal** (7/8 Basketball, 7/8 Volleyball, 7/8 Futsal, 7/8 Soccer, 7/8Ultimate, 8 Rowing)
2. **Emily Bangsboll** (7/8 Basketball, 7/8 Volleyball, 7/8, Futsal7/8 Soccer, 7/8 Ultimate, 8 Rowing)
3. **Allegra Richter** (6-8 X-Country, 7/8 Basketball, 7/8 Futsal, 7/8 Soccer, 7/8 Ultimate, 8 Ski)
4. **Claudia Finak-Fournier** (6-8 X-Country, 7/8 Basketball, 7/8 Volleyball, 7/8 Futsal, 7/8 Soccer, 7/8 Ultimate, 8 Ski)

This award is given to students in Grade 8 who are well-rounded and exceptional athletes. Recipients often participate in several sports, both inside and outside of school, and demonstrate outstanding skill and dedication to their sport.

Senior School Sports Banquet

Sports Team	MVP	MSP/MIP
Senior Basketball	Janan Lewars	Alycia McIntosh
Golf	Victoria Murray	
Cross Country Running	Nicola Goldsmith	Valerie Molnar
Field Hockey	Erica Coady	Paige Tremblay/Sonia Siddiqui
Junior Volleyball	Sophie Ackert	Lauren Lambert
Senior Volleyball	Julia Cork/Charita Koya	
Nordic Skiing		Jordyn leighton
Alpine Skiing	Sophie Ackert	Eleanor Berks
Snowboarding	Paige Tremblay	
Rugby	Jenna Moledina/Joa Hoshizaki	Julia Cork
Rowing	Emmie Page	Sarah Morrison/Olivia Casarramona

Special Awards

Green Form Drill Cup Grade 11

Best 10/11 PE Class (most athletic, cooperative, attitude, sportsmanship,etc)

Sports Captain Award Julia Cork

Sports Captain, automatically given

Physical Education Award Erica Coady

Best PE Student (usually a Grade 10/11) athletically and attitude

Elite Athlete Award Jordana Polisuk & Tannya Cai

In recognition of involvement, dedication and high athletic achievement in a sport outside of school - Graduating Player (0-1-2 awarded per year)

Maynard Sportsmanship Cup Joa Hoshizaki

Good Sportsmanship and team player, always a positive attitude, good commitment to the team, coachable

Dunlop Intermediate Sports Cup Jenna Moledina

Athletic Excellence Best athlete

Wilson Sports Cup Julia Cork

Senior Sports Cup for Athletic Excellence Best Athlete - Grade 11/12

Great Yoi Honour Athletic Award Julia Cork and Emmie Page

Overall excellence in sport and involvement for their four years in high school and has participated in at least 3 sports throughout their ime at Elmwood.

Neale Intermediate Sportsmanship Cup Sophie Ackert

9/10 Good Sportsmanship and team player, always a positive attitude, good commitment to the team, coachable

Head OVER HEELS

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Shoes have a colourful and controversial history. Curiously, they can reveal a lot about a person. A playful and, at times, absurd peek into the lives of an assortment of characters and the shoes they wear.

Monday	**August 5 at 12:25**
Wednesday	**August 7 at 16:25**
Thursday	**August 8 at 22:25**
Friday	**August 9 at 14:25**

ACTING COMPANY
Claire Avisar
Olivia Casarramona
Melanie Greenley
Eleanor James-Beswick
Louisa James-Beswick
Chloe Lucas
Brooke Mierins
Katherine Snelling
Sophia Swettenham
Aashna Uppal
Zein Zaghoul

STAGE MANAGERS
Mckenzie Gowie
Megan Sweeney

HAIR & MAKEUP
Quinn Fincham

DIRECTOR
Angela Boychuk

OUR INCREDIBLE SCOTTISH JOURNEY

The word has been out for a little while now that Elmwood Theatre is scheduled to visit Scotland this summer, but perhaps there are some of you just tuning in for the first time. If so, allow us to share our exciting news. Elmwoods senior drama students have been invited by the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) to perform a one-hour show at the Edinburgh Fringe Theatre Festival in early August. Every year, over 300 international theatre companies descend on Scotlands most beautiful city to showcase the fruits of their dramatic labour. On every winding street corner, down every cobblestone alleyway, under the magnificent archways of two majestic castles, actors from around the world congregate to share their work and to entertain the thousands of visitors that flock to this city for the event. The stone walls pulsate with an energy that is tangible and invigorating. Attending this prestigious festival is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the students.

BUILDING OUR PLAY ON AN EARLIER SCRIPT

The 60-minute production that we are taking to Edinburgh, entitled HEAD OVER HEELS, is a collective performance piece featuring original writing by the students as well as work by several prominent authors, including storyteller, Stuart McLean an poet, Roo Borson. We chose a particular prop SHOES upon which to base our show (after all, everyone wears them and actors are given to walking in the shoes of others). Our director, Angela Boychuk, initially introduced to the students a short script she had developed in class a few years ago. We took this earlier version and have been building on it since last October (taking a break in between to rehearse our main-stage show Peter Pan and Wendy). Here is how we describe our show

Over the centuries, shoes have enjoyed a colourful and controversial history. How they were made and who wore the shoes can, curiously, reveal a lot about a person. Shoes have also been the subject of numerous childrens stories - Cinderella being the most famous and widely interpreted. Drawing on an array of scene and choral work, storytelling, poetry and movement, Elmwood Theatres all-female cast from Ottawa presents Head Over Heels - a playful and, at times, absurd peek into the lives of an assortment of characters and the shoes they wear.

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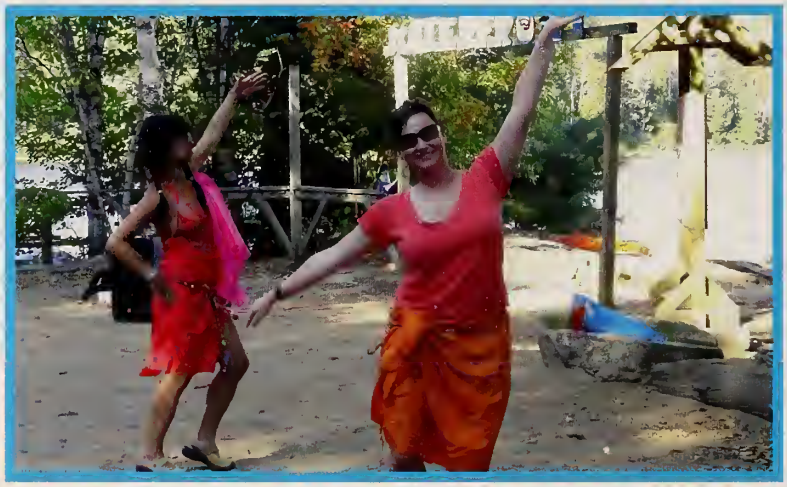

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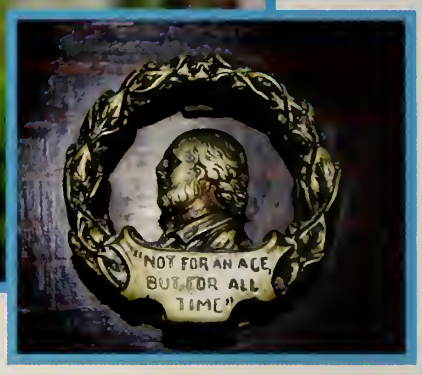

Not for an age, but for all time

If you take a close look at my office door, there is a small brass doorknocker on it. If you look even more closely, you can make out the profile of a man and a quotation, "Not for an age, but for all time."

I often pause and read this phrase and think about its meaning. These words of praise, probably the most famous ever written about Shakespeare, were penned by Shakespeare's good friend and fellow writer, Ben Jonson. The line appears in the Preface to the First Folio, along with other glorious elegiac poetry from Hugh Holland, Leonard Digges and James Mabbe.

Time is the ultimate judge of all things, but I think this saying applies as much to Elmwood as it does to Shakespeare. We are all here together at school for a span of days, months, years. But each of us is also contributing to something that we expect will continue on long after we have left these halls and classrooms. Each one of us is part of the story of Elmwood. What will your part be in that story?

The Class of 2013 has left behind a legacy, a gift, a permanent record of their gratitude to Elmwood which will grow over time, and will one day give other girls the opportunity to play a role here too. In turn, they were given a gift by Elmwood Alumna, Joanna Rozanski 03, as a permanent reminder of their lifelong connection to the school and to each other. We know that these beautiful rings will remind our graduates of their place in Elmwoods history their successes, relationships and legacy.

Congratulations to our Class of 2013 and to our whole Elmwood community on your achievements it has been a truly excellent year! And congratulations to the Samara team, for what is a story if there is no one to tell it? Your hard work and creativity have expertly captured a moment in time on these pages.

Shakespeare himself said, "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves." I believe that each of us can make a mark here at Elmwood. One day in the future someone will flip the pages of this book and see all we have accomplished.

- Cheryl Boughton

James Whitehouse, Francie Marchand and Christine Balckadar

After having time to reflect on a year at Elmwood my overriding feeling is that I belong to such a special place filled with wonderful and talented young women. One year ago I remember thinking about starting here at Elmwood and what it would be like. I am sure that everyone reading this knows what I mean when I speak about the emotion involved when starting somewhere or something new. Excitement? Absolutely! Anticipation? Yes! Fear? Off course! It is only human. However, for me the thing that made the biggest difference this year is you. You are such genuinely interested, kind, intelligent and caring people that I felt no fear at all because I was welcomed and accepted into your community. In my mind it is the character of a person that defines who they are and the place they are in. Quite simply the character of this School is incredible and unique and that is because of you.

Mary Angelou the inspiring black female author who went through so many challenges to be heard said when speaking about people "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. This school is filled with people who recognize this. Young women who understand the importance of acceptance, connections and relationships. I would like to thank you for welcoming me to the "Elmwood Family" and wish you a fantastic summer.

Dean of Student Life: Jen Walsh

Faculty

Brendan MacGillivary, Mohammad Mahin, Nathan Harris, Danielle Kindree, Colin Robertson

Science

Shelley Barton, Malek Purran, Brenlee Claman, Claire Glazier, Erin Mulcahy

Math

English

Tracy Noon, Elizabeth Ellison, Angela Boychuk, Alyson Bartlett, Teresa Marquis

Languages

Laila Abada, Nadine Kilbertus, Sanja Cvetanovic, Johanna Laflamme, Martha Torres, Pauline Rubarth, Elizabeth Ellison.

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Arts

Cheryl Tweedie, Nadine Kilbertus, Gretta Badley, Colin Robertson, James Whitehouse, Jordan Small, Johane Laflamme, Elizaeth Ellison

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Custodial

Samir Grbesic, Judy Kearly, Patrick Kelly, Pedro Serro

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Candice Butler, Chris Boland, Craig Brushett

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Matt Perreault, Christine Blackadar, Allison Holmes, Cheryl Brownlie, Sarah Hay, Gail Gavan, Cathy Wiley, , Evelyn Pike, Marc Ouimet, Ginny Strachan, Brenda Huggins, Nicola Powadiuk, Kate Meadowcroft, Carolyn Wakeham, Alli MacDougal

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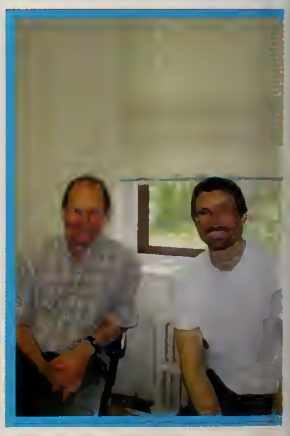

Christine Blackadar, Matt Pereault, Annette Rossiter, Stephane Dube, Tom Molnar

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Junior School Closing Ceremonies

Grade 4

I.B. Learner Profile Award **Lauren Ho**

Overall Academic Excellence Award **Grace Brunner**

Grade 5

Core French AlishaAbdul Rahman
Extended French Hayley Conrad
Language Arts Patricia Werdnik
Mathematics Andrea Douglas
Music Maya Ladki
Physical and Health Education Isabella Bruinsma
Unit of Inquiry for Science Isabel Smith

I.B. Learner Profile Award Isabel Smith
Overall Academic Excellence Award Caitlin Baxter

Emerald 'E' Awards Alisha Abdul Rahman, Caitlin Baxter, Isabella Bruinsma, Amelia Carney, Emmaleigh Case, Haleigh Case, Kira Cheer, Hayley Conrad, Andrea Douglas, Rutaaba Fasih, Hannah Goldstein, Maya Ladki, Natali Morris, Rika Ochiai, Ayah Sadiki, Isabel Smith, Kelly Wang

Parents and Friends Association Committee Award

I.B. Middle Years Programme internal Scholarship Alisha Abdul Rahman, Caitlin Baxter, Hayley Conrad, Andrea Douglas, Maya Ladki, Isabel Smith

Middle School Closing Ceremonies

GRADE 6

Art Ashton Yau
English Anna DeFelice
Core French Veronika Lassl
Extended French Charlotte Amannt
Humanities Marlene Wasserman
Humanités Leah LeBlanc
Mathematics Veronika Lassl
Music Veronika Lassl
Physical and Health Education Tara Rida
Science Bethany Fitch
Spanish Dalia Sawaya
Technology Bethany Fitch

I.B. Learner Profile Award Marlene Wasserman

Overall Academic Excellence Award Leah LeBlanc

GRADE 7

Art Caroline Capehart
English Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien
Core French Lyanna Abdul Rahman
Extended French Leane Gaussorgues
Humanities Caroline Capehart
Humanités Shannon Howarth
Mandarin Ava Mierins
Mathematics Bronte Assadzadeh
Music Katherine Keough
Physical and Health Education Ava Mierins
Science Hannah Charness
Spanish Leane Gaussorgues
Technology Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien.

I.B. Learner Profile Award Katharine Auster

Overall Academic Excellence Award Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien

GRADE 8

Comprehensive Arts Sophia Swettenham
Nancy Chance Prize for English Sijyl Fasih
Core French Emily Bangsboll
Extended French Claudia Finak-Fournier
Exploring Technology Sian Bryson
Humanities Samphe Ballamingie
Humanités Kelly Zhang
Mandarin Emma-Rose Robinson
Mathematics Samphe Ballamingie
Physical and Health Education Emily Bangsboll
Science Sian Bryson
Spanish Victoria Radburn

I.B. Leaner Profile Award Emily Bangsboll

Scholarships

Emily Bangsboll, Sian Bryson, Ciara Halloran, Eryn Lundrigan, Sophia Swettenham, Lucy Whichelo

Overall Academic Excellence Award Emily Bangsboll

Southam Cup Emily Bangsboll

For the highest endeavour in all phases of school life in the Middle School. It is given to the girl who best lives up to the ideals of Elmwood, who shows leadership, friendliness and helpfulness to others in the school

Parents & Friends Association Committee Award Ava Mierins

To the student who has demonstrated through voluntary activity a sense of civic responsibility, a spirit of co-operation and a commitment to school life and the continued success of Elmwood

Silver 'E Samphe Ballamingie, Emily Bangsboll, Bronwen Crystal, Helen Hume, Sophia Swettenham

Senior School Closing Ceremonies

GRADE 9

Dramatic Arts Anne-Marie Tremble
English Meera Singla
Core French Quinn Fincham
Extended French Anne-Marie Tremble
Geography Dania Rida
Healthy Active Living Fumi Shibutani
Latin Meera Singla
Learning Strategies Megan Sweeney
Mathematics Fumi Shibutani
Music Megan Sweeney
Science Brooke Mierins
Spanish Laura Morrison
Technology Genevieve Laberge
Visual Arts Sophie Gayowsky

Grace E. Knowlton Prize for Progress **Hannah Dolhai**

Fiona Nicolson Creativity Prize **Fumi Shibutani**

I.B. Learner Profile Award **Brooke Mierins**

Overall Academic Excellence Award **Fumi Shibutani**

GRADE 10

Career Studies Katya Brooks
Civics Valerie Molnar
Dramatic Arts Louisa James-Beswick
English Zakiya Abdula
Core French Louisa James-Beswick
Extended French Upkeerut Saran
Healthy Active Living Megan Russell
History Zakiya Abdula
Learning Strategies Katya Brooks
Mathematics Upkeerut Saran
Music Claire Avisar
Science Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Technology Jenna Moledina
Visual Art Ras-Jeevan Obhi

I.B. Learner Profile Award Ras-Jeevan Obhi

Overall Academic Excellence Award Ras-Jeevan Obhi

Summa Summarum Scholarship Valerie Molnar
Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Upkeerut Saran

GRADE 11

Biology Joa Hoshizaki
Chemistry Daisy Wang
Communication Technology Natascha Jansen-Poulin
Dramatic Arts Aashna Uppal
Economics Amanda Thoo
English Brynley Hanson-Wright
Core French Justine Frame
Extended French Carlotta Cellini
Healthy Active Living Erica Coady
History Sarah Morrison
World Issues Erica Coady
Math Functions Aashna Uppal
Math Advanced Functions Daisy Wang
Philosophy Katherine Snelling
Physics Brynley Hanson-Wright
Spanish Katherine Alvarenga
World Issues Erica Coady

Carolyn Strauss Poetry Award Vivian Wang

Judy and Margot Toller Memorial Award Erica Coady
Awarded to a student who best exemplifies the values and spirit of these alumnae - who lost their lives in a car accident caused by a drunk driver - with her warmth and caring, courtesy and respect, sense of humour, generosity in helping others, joy of life, determination to overcome obstacles, and acceptance of everyone, while demonstrating the ideals of leadership and friendship.

Mabel Dunlop Memorial Award Aashna Uppal
This endowed award was established in 2007 by Katherine Ellis in memory of her mother, Mabel Dunlop 29. It is awarded in recognition of exemplary work with a humanitarian initiative that fosters compassion and understanding of other cultures.

Elmwood Theatre Award for Performance and Production Mckenzie Gowie

Sandra Sharpe Sug Award Aashna Uppal

Samara Editor's Award Merrin Lalonde

I.B. Learner Profile Award Aashna Uppal

Overall Academic Excellence Award Brynley Hanson-Wright

Senior School Closing Ceremonies

GRADE 12

Biology Tannya Cai
Chemistry Charlotte Murfin
Communication Technology Sarah Clarke
Core French Charita Koya
Extended French Tannya Cai
Economics Janan Lewars
English Sarah Beltrame
Exercise Science Ameera Moledina
Whitwill History Prize Janan Lewars
Math Calculus & Vectors Charita Koya
Math Data Management Kathy Fung
Visual Art Julia Cork
Linda McGregor Technology Award Gabrielle Holden-Lathlin
Philpot Science Prize Tannya Cai

I.B. Learner Profile Janan Lewars

Overall Academic Excellence Award Tannya Cai

University of Toronto National Book Award Tannya Cai

Governor General's Academic Medal Tannya Cai

I.B. Diploma Candidates Ariella Burton, Janan Lewars, Tannya Cai, Ameera Moledina, Dianna Chen, Charlotte Murfin, Charita Koya, Emmie Page, Jordana Polisuk

Great Yoi Honour Athletic Award Julia Cork, Emmie Page

Duke of Edinburgh Program Gold Award Rebecca Boucher, Julia Cork, Janan Lewars, Ameera Moledina, Charlotte Murfin, Emmie Page

Lieutenant Governor Community Volunteer Award Rebecca Boucher

Elmwood Award for Character Emmie Page

Margaret White Award Janan Lewars

Parents Association Committee Award Sarah Clarke

House Cup Fry

Philpot Token Jordana Polisuk

Summa Summarum Emmie Page

Golden E Rebecca Boucher, Dianna Chen, Julia Cork, Charita Koya, Janan Lewars, Ameera Moledina, Jordana Polisuk

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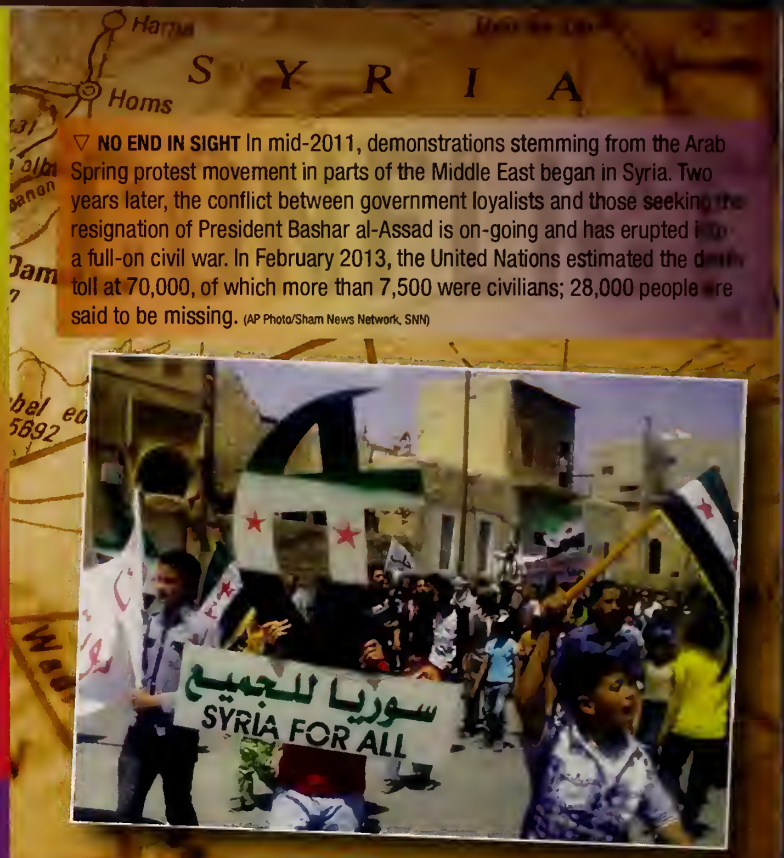
△ **ROYAL BABY** Like many couples, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge – otherwise known as Will and Kate – were hoping to wait until after the first trimester to share their pregnancy news with the world. But, when the Duchess experienced severe morning sickness (formally termed hyperemesis gravidarum) and had to be hospitalized, the cat was let out of the bag a tad early this past December. The baby, who will be heir to the British throne, is due in July 2013. (© Rex Features [2005] All rights reserved.)

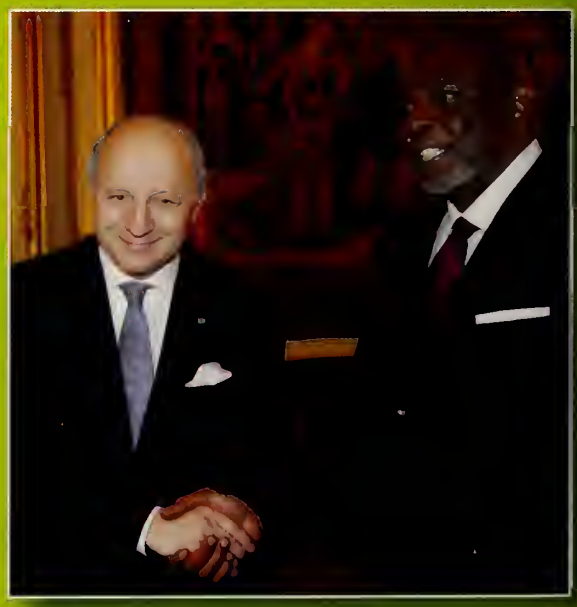


▽ **NO END IN SIGHT** In mid-2011, demonstrations stemming from the Arab Spring protest movement in parts of the Middle East began in Syria. Two years later, the conflict between government loyalists and those seeking the resignation of President Bashar al-Assad is on-going and has erupted into a full-on civil war. In February 2013, the United Nations estimated the death toll at 70,000, of which more than 7,500 were civilians; 28,000 people are said to be missing. (AP Photo/Sham News Network, SNN)

▷ **THE KONY DEBATE** In March 2012, an international organization called Invisible Children released a video as the inaugural step in their Stop Kony movement. The video, which had spectacular success as a viral campaign, called for action against African militia leader and indicted war criminal Joseph Kony. The idea was that educating the world about Kony's atrocities would result in the arrest of Kony by the end of the year. The initial response to the video was overwhelmingly positive but critics soon began to pan the message: Experts noted that some of the information was out of date, including Kony's whereabouts and the force of his army, and that the video was a black-and-white portrayal of a complicated situation. Others called for the donations that rolled in after the video release to be diverted to the rehabilitation of ex-child soldiers rather than the capture of Kony.

△ **MARINE DISASTER** On January 13, 2012, Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia struck a rock in the Tyrrhenian Sea off the west coast of Italy. The accident left a gash in the port side of the ship, causing instant flooding in the engine room and loss of power to the electrical and propulsion systems. The boat should have been evacuated within half an hour, but due to the seemingly less emergent conditions of being in calm, shallow water, the evacuation took more than six hours. Of the 4000-plus people on board, including crew, thirty bodies were found, with two more people missing and presumed dead.

▷ **OPERATION SERVAL** In early 2013, France, backed by the United Nations Security Council, intervened in the West African country of Mali, when Islamist rebels began pushing southwards. After on-going turmoil in Mali throughout 2012, the French stepped in to avoid "a terrorist state at the doorstep of France and Europe" and have maintained a presence since mid-January. As the majority of the conflict is now over, France looks to the UN to take over peacekeeping duties.



△ **STILL GOING** The eurozone debt crisis that began with Greece in 2009 has yet to come anywhere close to resolution. Despite a pact of fiscal responsibility signed by 25 countries under the euro at the end of January 2012, the joblessness rate in the eurozone reached an all time high in March and the rollercoaster of events continued. By the end of 2012, Greece had been given a second financial package, one of Spain's major banks, Bakia, had asked for a $24 billion USD bailout, and fears of future bailouts for Italy and France began to surface. (AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

▷ **CHANGES IN CHINA** In November 2012, thousands of top bureaucrats from China's communist party gathered in Beijing for a week of meetings and speeches, at the end of which new leadership was announced. Xi Jinping emerged the new leader, with six other men in senior positions, to form the Politburo Standing Committee that will guide China for the next ten years. The process was surprisingly free of drama, a somewhat unconventional sentiment for the typically fraught once-a-decade experience. (AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

◁ **MAKING STRIDES** Former Burmese political prisoner Aung San Suu Kyi was finally allowed to take her seat in parliament in May 2012 after votes were cast in the country's first legitimate election since 1990, when she was placed under house arrest. And that's not all. Just three days after Aung San Suu Kyi's newly registered party took 43 of the 45 contested seats, the United States suspended their sanctions against Burma and appointed an ambassador, Derek Mitchell, for the first time in 22 years. (Xinhua/Zuma Press/MCT)

△ **MAJOR ADVANCEMENTS** 2012 was a good news year in health-care: On January 13, 2013, the previous polio epicenter of the world – India – completed two years without a single case of polio; in April 2012, the World Health Organization highlighted the progress made in combating malaria in malaria-endemic countries with their T3 (Test, Treat, Track) initiative; and, in December, the United Nations made an historic resolution on affordable universal health care. Add in the tremendous cancer research being conducted around the globe – new treatments, new genetic studies – and no can dispute it was a banner year. (Kenton/Shutterstock)

▷ **MORSI DECLARED WINNER** Congratulatory messages flocked in from around the world when the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohamed Morsi emerged the victor in Egypt's presidential election last June. Morsi picked up 51% of the vote, approximately 13.2 million ballots of just over 26 million cast. The civilian president has declared his dedication to restoring the rights of his people after the Egyptian revolution in early 2011. (AP Photo/Fredrik Persson, File)

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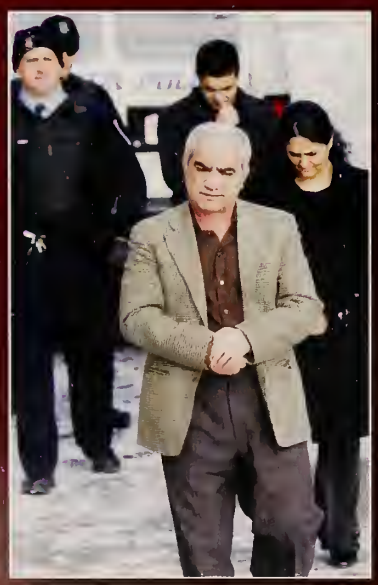
▽ **ROBOGATE** During the 2011 federal election, reports of voter suppression – calls made to would-be voters to falsely inform them of a voting location change – surfaced in a number of communities across the country; the focus was mainly on Guelph, Ontario, where a primary inquiry determined that the majority of calls were made from a computer in the Conservative party campaign office. The investigation by Elections Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was eventually widened to include other areas of the country where robocall complaints were received, but protests resulted when the organizations were slow to move on the search expansion.

▽ **A CRY FOR HELP** Fifteen-year-old Amanda Todd, from Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, made international headlines for a video she created chronicling her life of being bulled online. The young woman held up flashcards telling her story and posted the video to YouTube just weeks before taking her own life. The video went viral after Todd's death in October 2012, and anti-bullying advocates worldwide called for action. Todd's mother created the Amanda Todd Trust to collect donations for anti-bullying awareness programs and support for teenagers struggling with mental health issues. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Jonathan Hayward)

(The Canadian Press Images-Mario Beauregard)



◁ **A FAMILY LOST** On June 30, 2009, three sisters – Zainab, Sahar and Geeti Shafia – were found dead in a car submerged in the Rideau Canal, not far from Kingston, Ontario. A fourth person, Rona Mohammad, the first wife of the girls' father Mohammad Shafia, was also in the vehicle. Mohammad, son Hamed and wife Tooba Yahya were all accused of honour killing; their trial began in October 2011. In January 2012, the jury delivered a guilty verdict on four counts of first-degree murder for all three of the defendants. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Nathan Denette)

△ **HUMMER HERO** In August 2012, Darrell Krushelnicki was just leaving the Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, when he noticed a Pontiac G5 speeding toward a group of kids crossing the street. The 46-year-old thought fast and drove his 2006 Hummer into the path of the offending vehicle, causing a collision but saving the lives of the teens. The driver of the Pontiac was talking on his cell phone; he was later charged with dangerous driving. Krushelnicki was honoured for his bravery by the Royal Canadian Humane Association in November. (Michael Shake/Shutterstock)

▽ **WALLETS IN TRANSITION** Plain old paper bank notes have gone the way of the dodo bird: In November 2012, the Bank of Canada released new $20, $50 and $100 into circulation. The new bills are made of polymer, a highly durable substance with a plastic feel, and have a number of new security features. Shortly after the new bills were sent into the public, reports of issues began to surface: Canadians complained about cracks in the polymer, bills shriveling under heat and even that the wrong maple leaf was printed in the design (the new notes feature a Norwegian maple rather than the native Canadian sugar maple). Another major currency change followed in February 2013, when the Royal Canadian Mint announced it would transition the penny out of existence. Nickel for your thoughts, anyone?

(Sergey Karpo/Shutterstock)

▽ **UNCONVENTIONAL CROSSING** On June 15, 2012, American stuntman Nik Wallenda achieved something no one else had attempted in more than 100 years: He crossed the 1800-foot gorge at Niagara Falls on a tightrope. The then-33-year-old slowly conquered the gap by putting one foot in front of the other along a 2-inch thick steel cable. To aid his balance, Wallenda carried a 40-foot pole (he also broke the cardinal rule of tightrope-walking and looked down as he inched from the Canadian to the American side of the Falls) and though he didn't want to, he did wear a safety harness. The crossing took 25 minutes.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Frank Gunn, File)

◁ **SMALL-TOWN DISASTER** On June 23 at 2:30 pm, the upper parking level of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake, Ontario, collapsed into the mall's concourse. In the immediate aftermath, one person was confirmed dead and 22 injured. Four days later, Toronto's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team removed two bodies from the rubble – Lucie Aylwin, 37, and Doloris Perizzolo, 74. Then-premier Dalton McGuinty announced in the days after that an independent public inquiry to investigate the structure's deficiency would be conducted. The Algo Centre Mall is in the process of being demolished.

(THE CANADIAN PRESS/Nathan Denette)

◁ **PIPELINE PROTESTS** The Keystone XL pipeline, which will, in theory, transport petroleum from the Alberta oil sands all the way to Texas, has met with resistance on both sides of the border: Aside from environmental concerns, property owners and First Nation groups are also seriously opposed to the pipeline disturbing their land. Both the Canadian and US governments have endorsed the project to date and construction moves forward towards completion. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh).

▽ **E. COLI RECALL** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency issued a recall notice in mid-September after an outbreak of E. coli-related illnesses from purchases made at an Edmonton Costco store. The initial reported cases were all linked to beef processed at XL Foods in Brooks, Alberta, and many other incidences of sickness, ranging in severity, followed. The recall notice was eventually expanded to include all of Canada, 40 states in the US and Puerto Rico. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Jeff McIntosh)

◁ **STUDENT STRIKE** From February 13, 2012 until September 20, 2012, hundreds of thousands of students in Quebec joined forces to protest the provincial government's proposed tuition increase from $2168 to $3793 by 2017. The government offered many compromises, including extending the cut-off of the bursary program or lengthening the transition period, but the student unions rejected all proposals. Despite an emergency law passed to manage the demonstrations on May 18, tens of thousands of people marched through downtown Montreal on May 22 to support the issue. The government attempted to negotiate with the students groups toward the end of May, but could not reach a consensus; the students only returned to class in September after a tuition freeze was announced by ministerial decree. (THE CANADIAN PRESS IMAGES/Graham Hughes)

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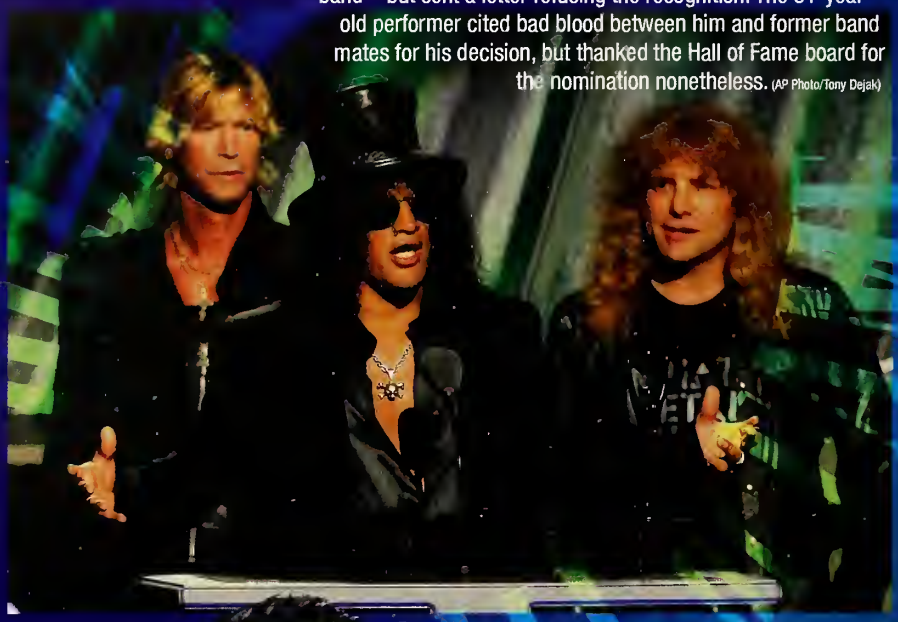
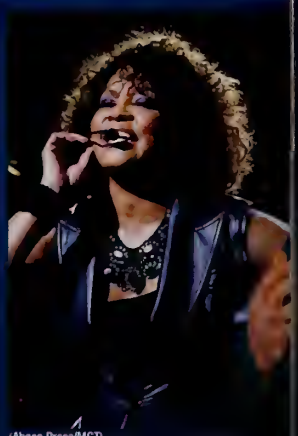


▽ **KUDOS UNACCEPTED** Axl Rose, the only active member of the original 1985 Guns 'N Roses, was offered one of the top accolades of his industry – induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with his band – but sent a letter refusing the recognition. The 51-year-old performer cited bad blood between him and former band mates for his decision, but thanked the Hall of Fame board for the nomination nonetheless. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

(Karen Toyska/Oakland Tribune/MCT)



(Abaca Press/MCT)

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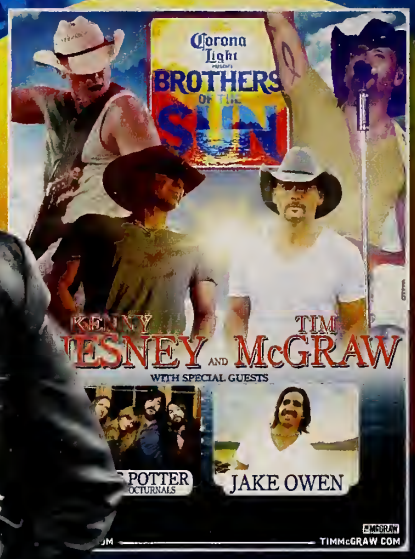
◁△▷ **LOST SONGS** It started with the passing of the legendary Etta James (above, left) in January, and the year went down hill from there. Whitney Houston (above) died suddenly in February, shocking her fans and eliciting an outpouring of love and admiration from the industry she ruled in her heyday; and the month of May saw the losses of Beastie Boys founding member Adam Yauch (right) to salivary gland cancer at the age of 47, and disco queen Donna Summer, 63 (left), to lung cancer. It was announced in December that Summer would be inducted posthumously into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April 2013.



◁ **DYNAMIC DUO** When two incredibly popular headliners team up to tour together, you can bet they'll be playing packed venues. For Tim McGraw and Kenny Chesney, the "Brothers of the Sun" tour was a no-brainer, and they have the sold-out shows to prove it. The country superstars began a 22-city US tour in Tampa, Florida, on June 2 and wrapped up in Foxborough, Massachusetts, on August 25. The tour grossed more than $[illegible] million overall, becoming one of the top grossing summer tours of all time.

◁ **INTERNATIONAL SENSATION** South Korean K-pop musician PSY is more than just a recording artist: According to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, PSY's cultural phenomenon "Gangnam Style" is a "force for world peace," given its rise to the top of the charts around the globe, transcending differing cultures and worldviews. With that kind of endorsement, it's not surprising that the song's music video, featuring original (and highly entertaining) choreography, was the first YouTube video ever to surpass a billion views. (INFphoto.com Ref: infcato-05ispINO CANADA.)

◁ **BUMP WATCH** On December 30, musician and producer Kanye West made a shocking announcement: At a concert in Atlantic City, Kanye asked the crowd to "make some noise for [his] baby-mama," girlfriend Kim Kardashian. Reality star and socialite Kardashian is best known for her family's television show, *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*, and follows sister Kourtney into motherhood. The baby, reportedly a girl, is due in July 2013.
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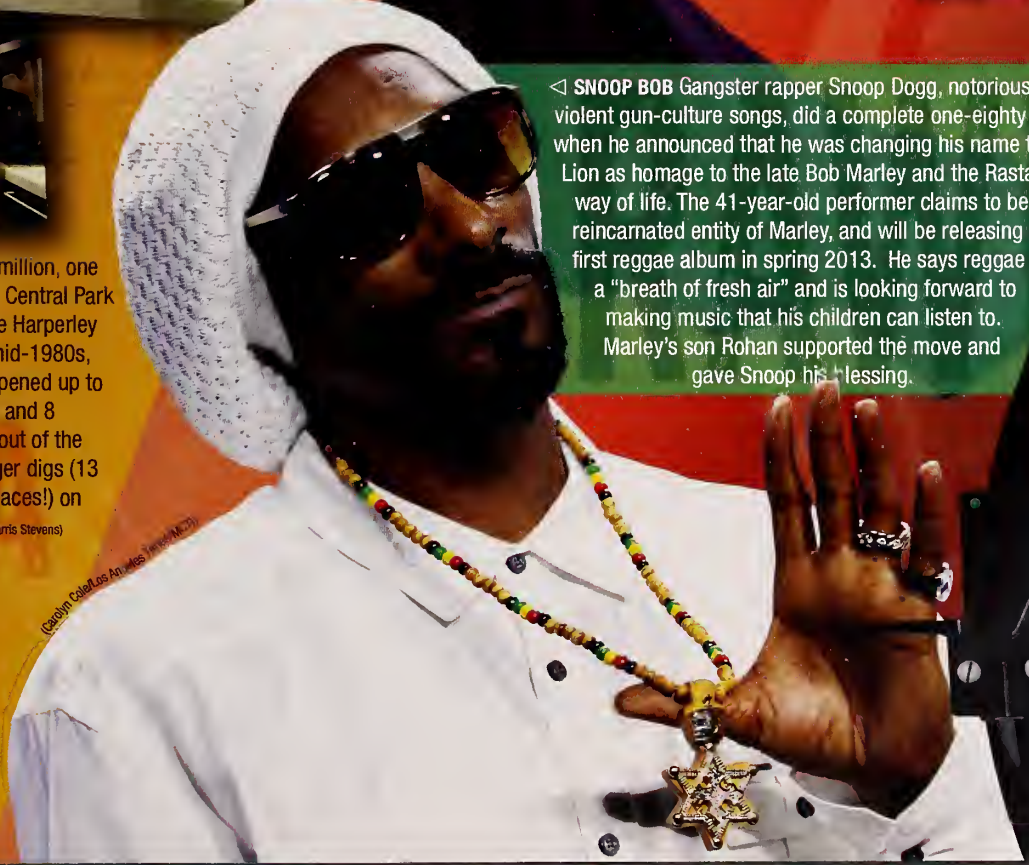
▷ **RED HOT** Taylor Swift's career is showing no signs of slowdown. The 23-year-old country-pop superstar released her fourth album, *Red*, in October 2012, to critical acclaim on a number of levels: Swift was praised by industry professionals for her experimentation with new genres, and the album sold more than a million copies in the US in its first week. (To date, more than 5 million units have been sold worldwide.) The album's lead track, "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," was Swift's first ever Billboard Hot 100 #1 song.
(Wally Skalij/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

▽ **ONE HIT WONDER?** In 2007, Carly Rae Jepsen was just another contestant on a musical reality TV show. Jepsen, then 22, placed third in *Canadian Idol*'s season five competition; she released her debut album a year later, and a second album in 2011, to lukewarm reception. But then Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, holidaying in Canada in January 2012, heard "Call Me Maybe" on the radio, tweeted about it, and the rest is history. The single (and the praise of two renowned celebrities) gained Jepsen international attention, including a slew of awards, but it remains to be seen whether Jepsen's career has peaked or if she'll be able to deliver another, equally popular anthem.
(Frank Micelotta/PictureGroup)

(Picture Perfect / Rex Features [B54510bz])

◁ **MADGE'S PAD** For a mere $23.5 million, one lucky buyer will get to live in Madonna's Central Park flat. The original Material Girl bought the Harperley Hall apartment on West 64th St. in the mid-1980s, followed by two other units which she opened up to create one massive duplex (6 bedrooms and 8 bathrooms!). The mother of four moved out of the apartment and across town to even bigger digs (13 bedrooms, 14 bathrooms and nine fireplaces!) on the Upper East Side in 2009. (Courtesy Brown Harris Stevens)



(Carolyn Cole/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

◁ **SNOOP BOB** Gangster rapper Snoop Dogg, notorious for his violent gun-culture songs, did a complete one-eighty in July, when he announced that he was changing his name to Snoop Lion as homage to the late Bob Marley and the Rastafarian way of life. The 41-year-old performer claims to be the reincarnated entity of Marley, and will be releasing his first reggae album in spring 2013. He says reggae is a "breath of fresh air" and is looking forward to making music that his children can listen to. Marley's son Rohan supported the move and gave Snoop his blessing.

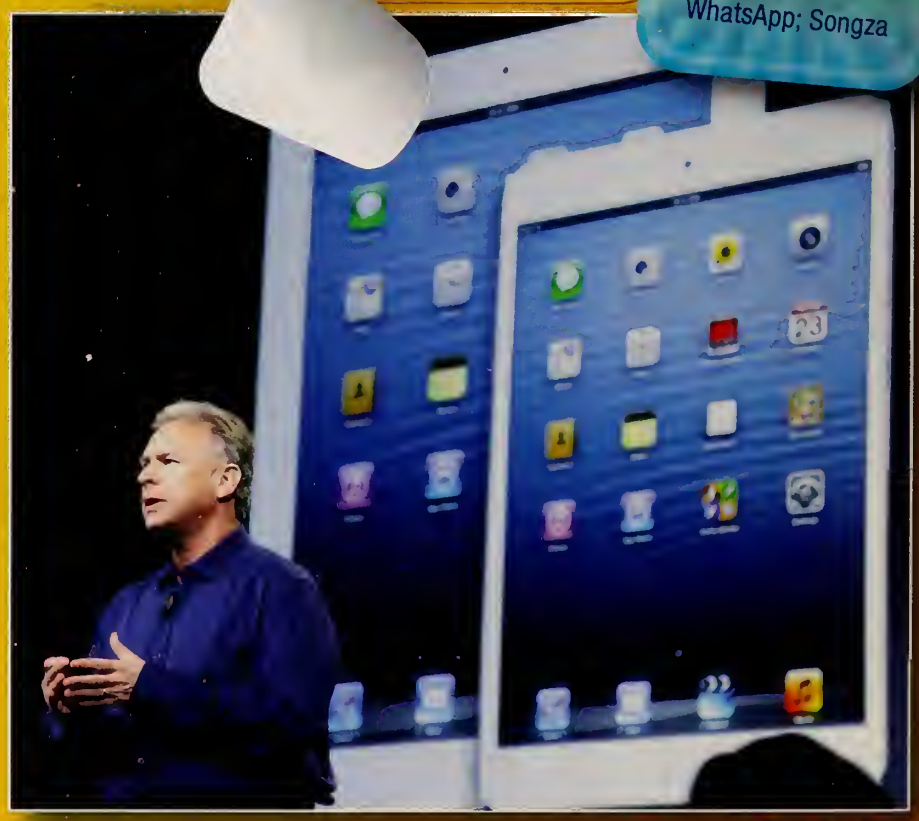
lifestyle

◁ **FASHION FORWARD** Everything old was new again (isn't that always the case?) on the runways and in the streets for 2012. Vintage-inspired peplum tops, dresses and skirts harkened back to the 1940s (and again to the '80s when they were paired with sky-high shoulder pads) for a hit of fashion in a girl's everyday wardrobe. Another throwback look, the wedge sneaker, is showing up in the collections of everyone from Nike to Jimmy Choo, for those trendsetters who want style and comfort.

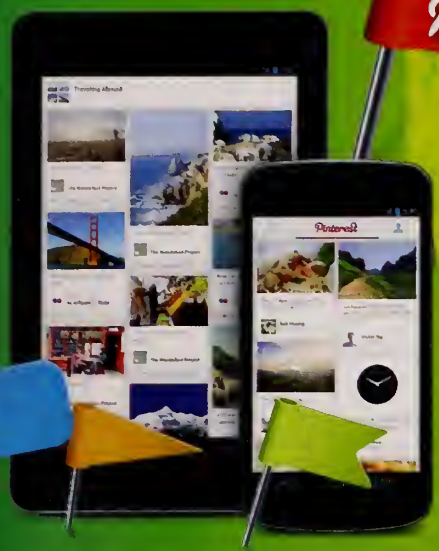
△▷ **ABOUT FACE** Perfectly-crafted cat eyes, whether precise and artistic or smudged and sultry, were the trend on red carpets and magazine covers this year. Everyone from Katy Perry to Emma Stone sported the Cleopatra-esque look, and a barrage of instructional videos popped up on YouTube over the course of the year for beauty junkies to try their hand. The look was paired with bold lips for extra punch (but the statement pucker showed up on its own over and over again, too). (Olga Ekaterincheva/Shutterstock)

Top iPhone Apps 2012

Angry Birds; YouTube; Facebook; Instagram; Draw Something; Weather Network; WhatsApp; Songza



△▷ **APPLE KEEPS 'EM COMING** Despite losing their illustrious leader, Steve Jobs, to cancer in 2011, Apple maintained its position as a technological superpower in 2012. When the iPhone 5 was released in September, the company received orders for over two million units in the first 24 hours and saw the product sell out twenty times faster than the iPhone 4 and 4S. The release of the iPad Mini followed in October, with a screen 1.8 inches smaller than the standard size and a price point to match. (Apple)



Pinned

◁ **PIN THIS** Gone are the days of pinning pretty pictures, recipes or cards to a bulletin board. Instead, inspiration comes in the form of Pinterest, the hottest website of 2012, a pin board site and app that allows users to keep and update multiple boards simultaneously, with themes from design and technology, to wedding planning and home décor. If you'd rather just be an observer, you can follow boards on Pinterest, too, allowing others to curate collections of pins on just about anything. (Pinterest)

▷ **A PICTURE'S WORTH** When Facebook bought popular photo-sharing app Instagram for $1 billion USD in April 2012, users had mixed feelings: They weren't jazzed about their fave filters being swallowed up by the social media behemoth but they did like the prospect of easy interaction with their Facebook profile pages. As it turns out, their use of the app hasn't drastically changed, as the deal allowed Instagram to remain more-or-less independent but with access to Facebook's obviously top-line resources.

△ **HEY GIRL** While the first Ryan Gosling meme appeared four years ago, 2012 saw the birth of Gosling meme generators for fans to create their own personal posters of the Hollywood heartthrob. As if anyone needed a reason to put the actor's face up in their lockers, but Gosling's absence from the big-screen this year meant less coverage and more memes. (Broadimage/Rex Features [2051373e])

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Google™ GREATEST HITS 2012

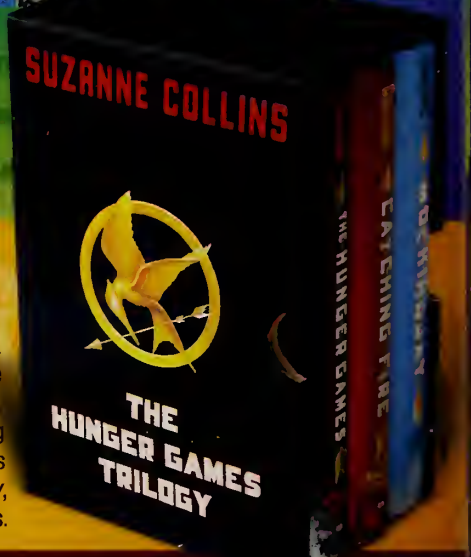
1. Whitney Houston
2. Gangnam Style
3. Hurricane Sandy
4. iPad 3
5. Diablo 3
6. Kate Middleton
7. Olympics 2012
8. Amanda Todd
9. Michael Clarke Duncan
10. BBB12

entertainment

△▷ **POP GOES TV** Following in the footsteps of Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson, a whole host of pop stars took their seats across from music hopefuls in 2012: *The Voice* welcomed country star Blake Shelton, Maroon 5 front man Adam Levine, singer-songwriter Cee Lo Green and blonde bombshell Christina Aguilera; *American Idol* stuck to their roster of "Jenny from the Block" Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler in 2012, but switched things up for season 12 with Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban; and Britney Spears, with Demi Lovato, joined Simon Cowell and L.A. Reid on *The X Factor* but got the boot after one season. (Above: Frank Micelotta/PictureGroup, Above Right: Mickshaw/PictureGroup)

AP Photo/Vince Bucci

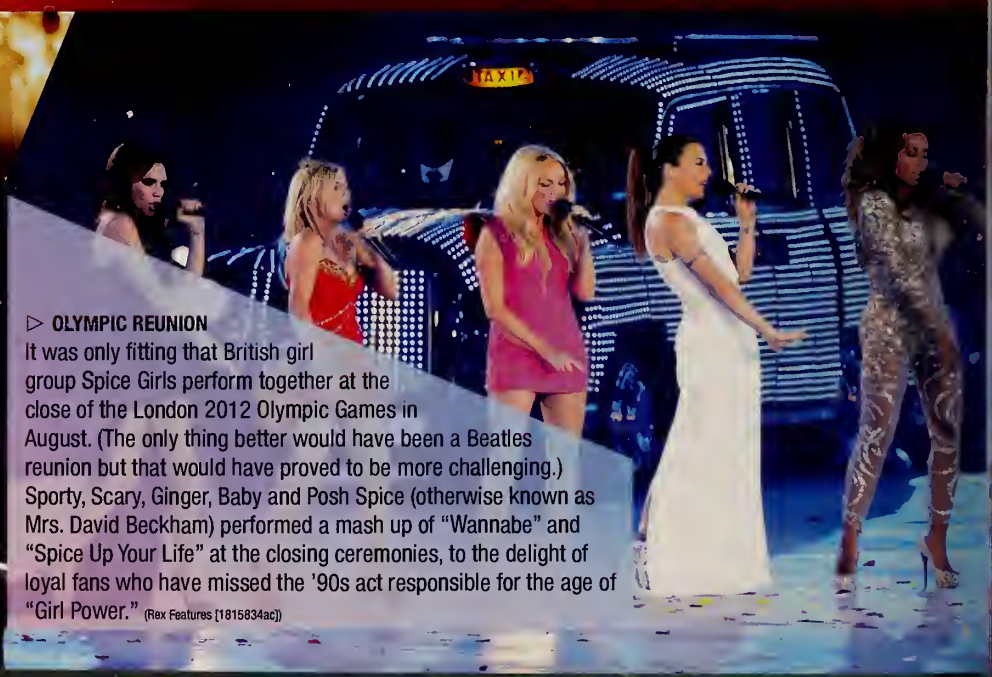
◁△ **FAMOUS BABIES** From *Jersey Shore*'s Snooki to starlet Jennifer Garner, a whole gaggle of little ones with famous parents arrived this year: Snooki welcomed baby boy Lorenzo in August; reality star Kourtney Kardashian gave birth to her second, a girl named Penelope; Jessica Simpson delivered daughter Maxwell in May (and followed up with a second pregnancy announcement on Christmas Day!); and Garner, with hubby Ben Affleck, added to their brood with son Samuel (a little brother for their two adorable girls Violet and Seraphina). (Above Left: KM Press Group/Rex Features (2048533i), Above Right: Broadimage/Rex Features (20163961), Left: chris watts lspl)



▷ **ALL-AROUND BESTSELLER** Suzanne Collins' trilogy The Hunger Games has earned its place on the bookshelves of kids around the world. Originally published in 2008, the series was very popular out of the gate but got a significant bump in 2012 due to the release of the chart-topping movie in March; in the same month Amazon announced that Collins was the best-selling Kindle author of all time. *The Hunger Games* and its subsequent sequels, *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*, have been translated into 26 different languages.

◁ **REST IN PEACE** The entertainment world lost a number of talented contributors this year, the most tragic of which was Mexican-American singer Jenni Rivera. The 43-year-old was killed in a plane crash this past December, en route to an appearance in Toluca, Mexico. She leaves behind five children. Other losses include brilliant screenwriter Nora Ephron to complications from acute myeloid leukemia at the age of 71, and actor and comedian Andy Griffith, age 86, known best for playing the lead role in a long-running television series bearing his name. (AP Photo/Patrick T. Fallon)

△ **BAD BREAKUP** Well, it finally happened: The long-predicted separation and divorce of Hollywood power couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes came to fruition this past summer, after years of speculation that the relationship was on the rocks. The 33-year-old Holmes retained primary custody of the couple's six-year-old daughter Suri and reportedly received $4.8 million in child support to be paid out over the next twelve years. The former *Dawson's Creek* star lives with Suri in Manhattan in a $12,000-a-month rented apartment, while Cruise resides in Los Angeles. (*aye Sadou/Abaca Press/MCT)



▷ **OLYMPIC REUNION** It was only fitting that British girl group Spice Girls perform together at the close of the London 2012 Olympic Games in August. (The only thing better would have been a Beatles reunion but that would have proved to be more challenging.) Sporty, Scary, Ginger, Baby and Posh Spice (otherwise known as Mrs. David Beckham) performed a mash up of "Wannabe" and "Spice Up Your Life" at the closing ceremonies, to the delight of loyal fans who have missed the '90s act responsible for the age of "Girl Power." (Rex Features [1815834ac])

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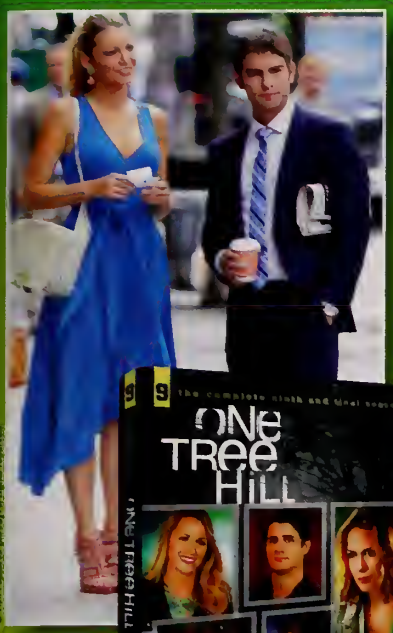

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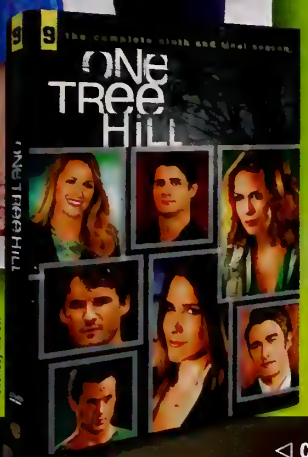
◁▽▷ **FOND FAREWELL** TV Land bid adieu to some blockbuster shows in 2012: Sunday nights will no longer feature the wily Wisteria Lane gang from *Desperate Housewives*; the secret's out on *Gossip Girl*; Dr. Gregory House, M.D. has solved his last medical anomaly; and the *One Tree Hill* posse has signed off forever. Between them, these shows have an impressive 31-year run, leaving an indelible mark on primetime history.



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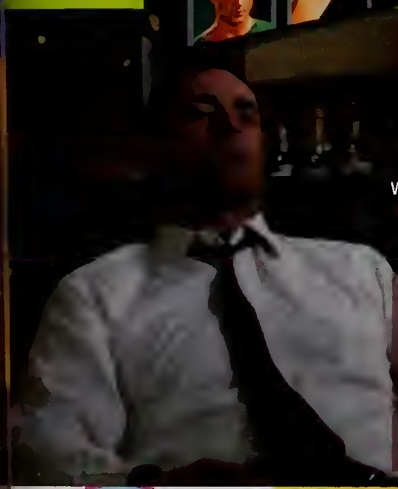
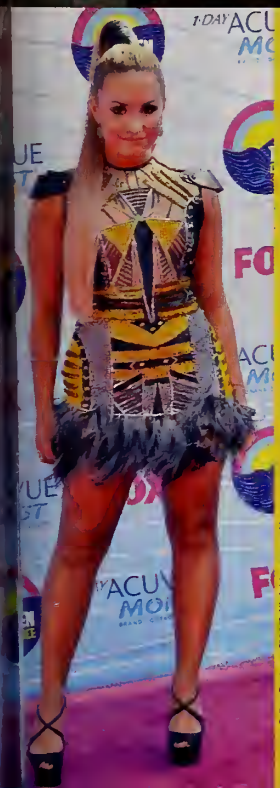


◁ **CONVINCING SOUNDTRACK** Matthew Weiner, creator of the ultra-popular 1960s period drama *Mad Men*, always thought the show was lacking a certain something: an authentic sound. Weiner, who has enjoyed success with the series for five seasons, felt that by not using a Beatles track, the show lacked a certain realism. "Because they are the band, probably, of the twentieth century," said the 47-year-old director. Weiner reportedly paid $250,000 to license the Beatles song "Tomorrow Never Knows" for the Mad Men episode entitled "Lady Lazurus." (Courtesy of AMC)

◁ **AWKWARD SUCCESS** No one saw it coming – twenty-something drama *Girls* was the sleeper hit of the summer, following a close-knit group of self-involved New Yorkers as they muddle their way through their relationships and (lack of) careers. Creator Lena Dunham generated serious buzz by writing, directing and starring as principal character Hannah, a raw, tongue-in-cheek personality who makes the audience squirm with embarrassment for her. (Courtesy HBO)

▷ **PAGEANT PRINCESS** Alana "Honey Boo Boo Child" Thompson isn't new to TV, first appearing as a precocious pageant contestant on TLC's *Toddlers and Tiaras*. But this year was a little different. She invited the at-home audience back to Macintyre, Georgia, to see how the Thompsons live every day. *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo* stars the show's namesake, her mother Mama June, father Sugar Bear and sisters Pumpkin, Chickadee and Chubbs, among other interesting characters. Critical reception ranges from "offensive" to "must-see TV." (You either love them or hate them!)

(Courtesy/Wikipedia.com Rev. Jesse Jackson)



◁ **TEENS SPEAK** It was a glee-ful night at the 2012 Teen Choice Awards in July with hosts Kevin McHale, who plays songbird Artie Abrams on the hit musical series *Glee*, and artist and *The X Factor* judge Demi Lovato sporting a high, extra-long ponytail on the red carpet. Surprise, surprise – *The Vampire Diaries* stole the show for the third year in a row, taking home awards in five categories (would you expect less of Ian Somerhalder and Nina Dobrev?).

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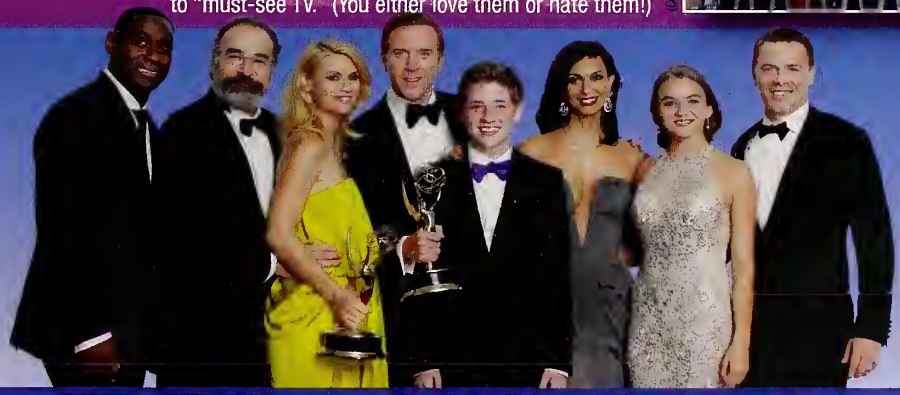

△ **SHOWTIME SHOWSTOPPER** Ask anyone what they're watching right now, and you can bet you'll hear "Have you seen *Homeland*?" time and again. The edge-of-your-seat thriller series stars Damian Lewis as a decorated war hero returned home, and Claire Danes as the beautiful, guarded CIA agent who doesn't buy his act. The show, now approaching its third season on Showtime, was nominated for nine Emmys, walking away with trophies in six categories, including Outstanding Lead Actress, Outstanding Lead Actor, Outstanding Drama Series and Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series among them.

(Lawrence K. Ho/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

△ **STAR DEAL** George Lucas, the renowned *Star Wars* filmmaker, announced a monumental deal with Disney in October 2012. The 68-year-old founder of Lucasfilm, which held all rights to the *Star Wars* properties, sold the franchise (in all its Luke Skywalker-Darth Vader glory) to the Mickey Mouse makers for an unprecedented $4.05 billion dollars, including 40 million Disney shares. Lucas retains creative direction over future *Star Wars* entities, but has alluded that his next move will be retirement. (MARK ASHMAN/REX FEATURES)

△ **CLOSING THE BOOK** Spoiler alert: They all live happily ever after. Bella becomes a vampire, living with Edward for eternity; Jacob imprints on Bella and Edward's immortal daughter Renesmee (obviously); and the Volturi go back to Italy to mind their own business. Most viewers – even Twi-hards – agree that the movie was found lacking; the motion picture even captured the Razzie for Worst Picture of the Year. But that didn't stop the final installment of the wildly popular series from grossing more than $800 million worldwide – the best bottom line of any of the Twilight movies. (Willi Schneider/Rex Features [1975236a])

ACADEMY AWARDS: MAJOR CATEGORIES

Best Actor – Daniel Day-Lewis, *Lincoln*
Best Actress – Jennifer Lawrence, *Silver Linings Playbook*
Best Supporting Actor – Christoph Waltz, *Django Unchained*
Best Supporting Actress – Anne Hathaway, *Les Misérables*
Best Picture – *Argo*
Best Director – Ang Lee, *Life of Pi*
Best Original Score – *Life of Pi*

△ **SUPERHERO APPEAL** The sixth film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, *The Avengers*, premiered in April 2012 to instant success. Scripted and directed by the multitalented Joss Whedon, the film – based on a team of superheroes bearing the same name – featured an all-star cast, and pulled in more than $1.5 billion at the box office worldwide. The movie holds records for biggest North American opening and fastest film to gross $1 billion. Is it any wonder there's already a sequel in the works?

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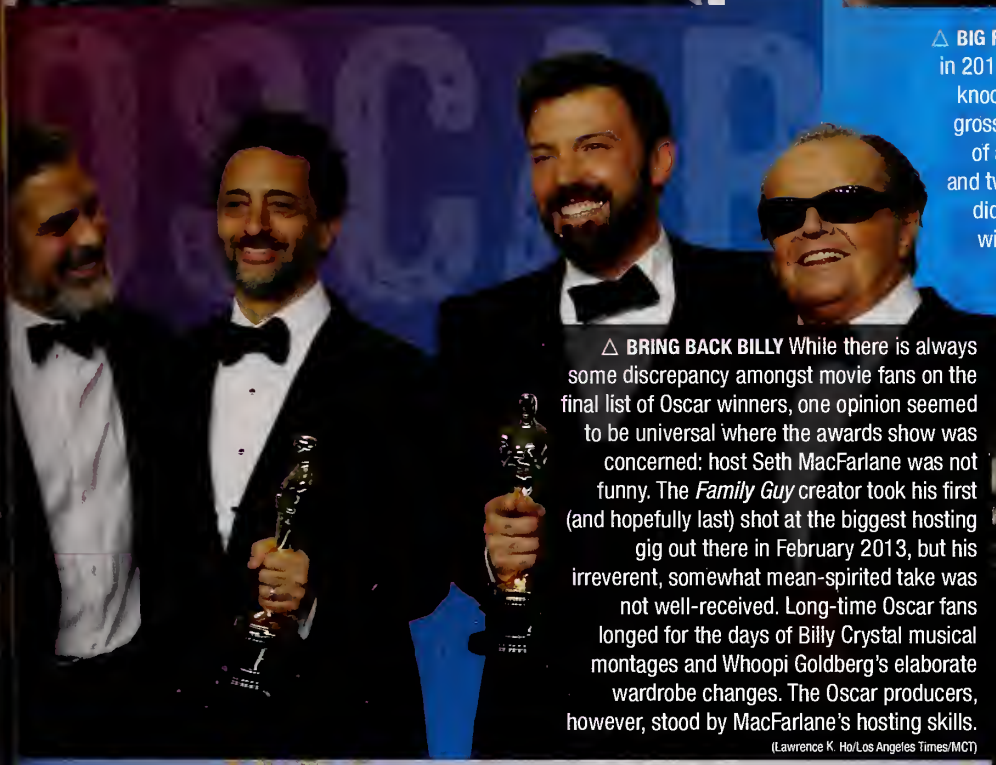
△ **DIGITAL GENIUS** We've come a long, long way from the mechanical shark in *Jaws*. These days, pretty much anything can be made to look real through the use of cutting-edge digital technology (you just need to see the tiger in *Life of Pi* to understand). *Skyfall* and *The Hobbit* were two other groundbreakers in digital effects in 2012: *Skyfall* was the first Bond movie to ever be shot digitally and it shows; and Bilbo Baggins is played by an actor of normal height but appears to be many, many inches shorter (and this is the very least of the movie's digital wizardry). (James Fisher/©Warner Bros. Pictures/Courtesy Everett Collection)

◁ **YOUNG TALENT** It was a banner year for actress Jennifer Lawrence; first she enjoyed international recognition for playing Katniss Everdeen in Suzanne Collins' dystopian epic *The Hunger Games*. Then the 22-year-old captured the Oscar for Best Actress with her performance opposite Bradley Cooper in *Silver Linings Playbook*. Her fresh face and down-to-earth personality make her a pleasure to watch both on the silver screen and in interviews; her fan girl reaction to meeting Jack Nicholson at the Academy Awards will make you love her even more. (Murray Close/©Lionsgate/Courtesy Everett Collection)

△ **BIG FAMILY HITS** Sony delivered for every member of the family in 2012. *Skyfall*, the twenty-third James Bond adventure to date, knocked it out of the park in November, becoming the highest-grossing Bond movie of all time. The film received its fair share of accolades, too, including five Academy Award nominations and two wins (Best Sound Editing and Best Original Song). Sony didn't disappoint the younger members of its fan base either, with the release of *Hotel Transylvania* in September. The 3-D animated feature was an undisputed hit and a sequel is currently in the works for 2015. (Francois Duhamel/©Columbia Pictures/courtesy Everett Collection)



△ **BRING BACK BILLY** While there is always some discrepancy amongst movie fans on the final list of Oscar winners, one opinion seemed to be universal where the awards show was concerned: host Seth MacFarlane was not funny. The *Family Guy* creator took his first (and hopefully last) shot at the biggest hosting gig out there in February 2013, but his irreverent, somewhat mean-spirited take was not well-received. Long-time Oscar fans longed for the days of Billy Crystal musical montages and Whoopi Goldberg's elaborate wardrobe changes. The Oscar producers, however, stood by MacFarlane's hosting skills. (Lawrence K. Ho/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

(Ron Phillips/©Warner Bros./courtesy Everett Collection)

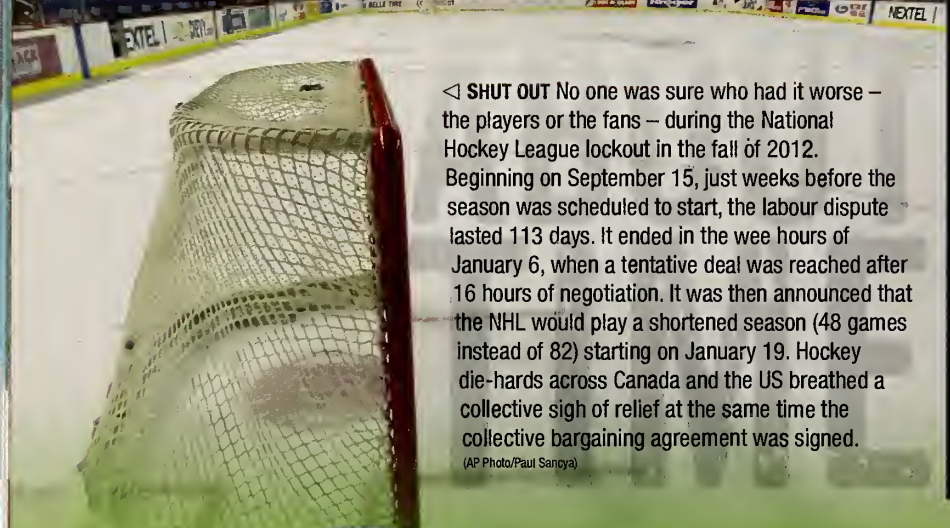
△ **WARNER BROS. BLOCKBUSTERS** British actor Christian Bale reprised his role of Batman in *The Dark Knight Rises*, released in mid-July 2012; a returning cast of characters, including actors Michael Caine, Gary Oldmam and Morgan Freeman, rounded out the film with newcomers Anne Hathaway and Tom Hardy. The film grossed more than $1 billion worldwide, capturing the #8 spot on the highest grossing films of all time. Warner Bros. also released the first film in the Hobbit series with *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, starring Martin Freeman as a young Bilbo Baggins. The second movie in the trilogy, *The Desolation of Smaug*, is due out in December 2013.

▷ **BRINGING HOME GOLD** With *Saturday Night Live* veterans Amy Poehler and Tina Fey taking on hosting sponsibilities, the Golden Globes were bound to be worth watching, but funny girls aside, the awards were no slouch either. Nominated in five categories, Ben Affleck's *Argo* – about the Iranian hostage crisis of 979 – took home two awards; the beautiful (and incredibly sad) film rendition of *Les Misérables* captured awards in three of the four categories for which it was nominated; and surprisingly, the Abraham Lincoln biopic, aptly named *Lincoln*, left empty-handed despite seven nominations. (Lawrence K. Ho/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

sports

▽ **LIESTRONG** In June 2012, champion cyclist Lance Armstrong – a beloved athlete and cancer survivor who has helped raise millions for cancer research – was accused by the United States Anti-Doping Agency of using performance enhancing drugs during many of his career races. Armstrong initially denied the allegations but was stripped of his championships – including the seven consecutive Tour de France titles he won between 1999 and 2005 – and banned from cycling competition for life nonetheless. The 41-year-old eventually admitted to doping in a January 2013 interview with Oprah Winfrey. (THE CANADIAN PRESS IMAGES/Dominic Chan)

▷ **PUBLIC HOAX** When decorated Notre Dame linebacker Manti Teo announced that his grandmother and his girlfriend, Lennay Kekua, had both passed away on the same day – September 11, 2012 – the sports world took note. The 22-year-old did not miss a single game, stating that Kekua would have wanted him to play. In January 2013, two reporters for a popular sports blog called Deadspin received an anonymous tip that the girlfriend story was a lie. After investigating, Deadspin published a story outlining the alleged deception. Months later, it appears that Teo was the victim of a ruse perpetrated by an acquaintance named Ronaiah Tuiasosopo, though the football player's story about maintaining an online-exclusive relationship with the woman is considered to be confusing and not entirely believable. Tuiasosopo admitted on the Dr. Phil show to being in love with Teo and using the fake identity as an escape from his feelings. (AP Photo/Joe Raymond, File)



◁ **SHUT OUT** No one was sure who had it worse – the players or the fans – during the National Hockey League lockout in the fall of 2012. Beginning on September 15, just weeks before the season was scheduled to start, the labour dispute lasted 113 days. It ended in the wee hours of January 6, when a tentative deal was reached after 16 hours of negotiation. It was then announced that the NHL would play a shortened season (48 games instead of 82) starting on January 19. Hockey die-hards across Canada and the US breathed a collective sigh of relief at the same time the collective bargaining agreement was signed. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

◁ **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION** From July 27 to August 12, 2012, 204 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) came together in London, England, to participate in events ranging from team sports like basketball and volleyball, to individual sports like diving and wrestling (and track, where Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt [left] shone). London was awarded the honour of hosting the games in July 2005; their original budget for the event was 2.4 billion GBP, but it more than doubled in 2007 to 9.3 billion GBP. The events were held at a number of new and historic venues within Greater London, including Hyde Park and the Horse Guards Parade. (Wally Skalij/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

△ **PENN STATE VERDICT** In late 2011, Pennsylvania State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was accused of sexual assault on a large number of underage children. High-level university officials, including school president Graham Spanier and legendary football coach Joe Paterno, were apparently aware of the abuse and allegedly covered up the incidents. Spanier was forced to resign, while Paterno and athletic director Tim Curley were fired. In June 2012, Sandusky was found guilty on 45 of 48 assault charges and sentenced to a minimum of 30 years in prison. Joe Paterno passed away in January 2012 due to complications from lung cancer. (Christopher Weddle/Centre Daily Times/MCT)

(THE CANADIAN PRESS/Nathan Denette)

△ **BLUE JAYS OVERHAUL** Toronto Blue Jays fans – especially those who remember the back-to-back World Series wins in 1992 and 1993 – couldn't wait for the 2013 season to start. Their team, an ailing lineup that has failed to perform in recent years, was completely overhauled in the fall of 2012, starting with a blockbuster 12-player trade with the Miami Marlins that was so massive it had to be approved by Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig. The trade (and subsequent moves), orchestrated by general manager Alex Anthopoulos, has re-energized the fan base and should get tickets sold in the coming season.

◁ **HOME TURF ADVANTAGE** The Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League achieved an amazing feat that few athletes ever experience: winning a league championship in their hometown. On November 25, the Argos beat the Calgary Stampeders 35-22 in front of a crowd of 52,000 at Rogers Centre in downtown Toronto. And if the win wasn't enough, the crowd got a Justin Bieber half-time show, with Gordon Lightfoot and Carly Rae Jepsen opening.

▽ **BAD CALL?** In the women's soccer semifinals at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, a Norwegian referee made a strange call: She gave Canadian goalie Erin McLeod a penalty for holding the ball too long (more than 6 seconds), an infraction basically unheard of in the soccer world. The penalty opened the door for Team USA to score the tying goal, leading to the eventual Canuck loss. FIFA, the governing body over women's soccer internationally, called for an investigation into comments made by Canadian player Christine Sinclair and coach John Herdman; Sinclair was eventually fined $3500 and suspended for four games for unsportsmanlike conduct. The Canadians won bronze at the Olympics. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO, COC - Mike Ridewood)

▷ **RECORD BREAKER** After the 2012-2013 football (soccer to North American fans of the sport) season, extra pages will have to be added to the record books for Argentine soccer player Lionel Messi. The 25-year-old surpassed Pele's landmark 75 goals in a calendar year and German player Gürd Muller's Guinness record of 85 goals in a calendar year (ending the season with 91), and captured the FIFA Ballon d'Or for the third year in a row. He also signed a five-year contract extension with FC Barcelona in December 2012, equaling $21.2 million USD. Come to think of it, Messi may need a whole chapter to himself. (AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

2012 Sports Champions

NFL Superbowl Game
New York Giants (21)
New England Patriots (17)

World Cup Soccer
Brazil's Corinthians (1)
vs UEFA's Chelsea (0)

Masters
Bubba Watson

MLB World Series
San Francisco Giants (4)
Detroit Tigers (0)

NHL Stanley Cup
Los Angeles Kings (4 games)
New Jersey Devils (2 games)

NBA Championship Series
Miami Heat (4 games)
Oklahoma City Thunder (1 game)

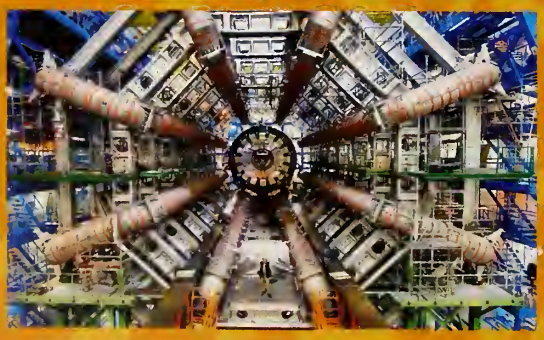
CFL Grey Cup Game
Toronto Argonauts (35)
Calgary Stampeders (22)

science

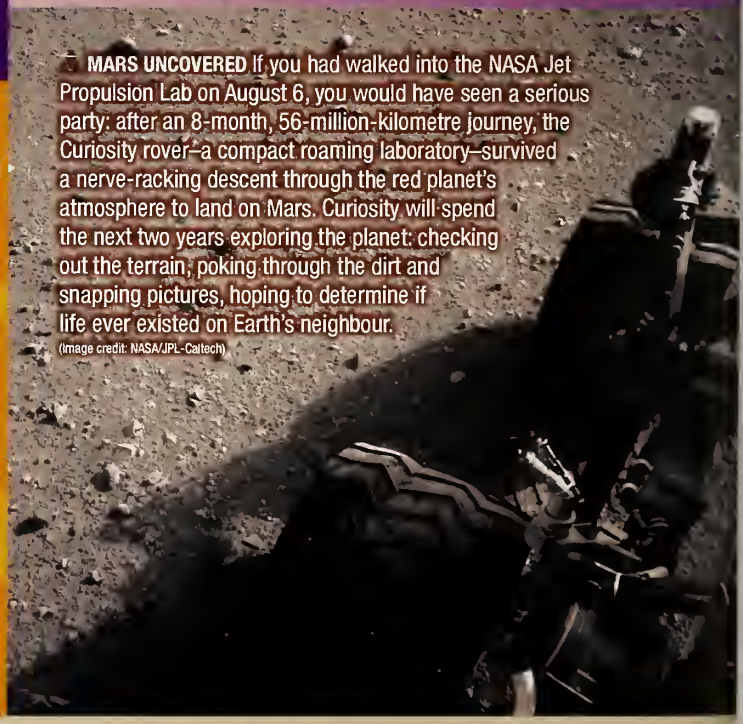
▷ **FEARLESS FELIX** Austrian base-jumper Felix Baumgartner made history on October 14, 2012, when he became the first person to break the sound barrier on his own, outside of a vehicle. The 43-year-old jumped to Earth from a helium balloon in the stratosphere, setting the record for the highest free-fall altitude. The world waited in anticipation as troublesome weather conditions required rescheduling the flight from the original October 9 jump date. (Red Bull Content Pool/Rex Features [19214951])

△ **NO MORE MONKEY BUSINESS** For decades it has been common practice, against the protests of animal rights activists, to use chimpanzees for medical research. While labs around the world have come away from this kind of animal testing in previous years, the United States still maintained experiments requiring research on these primates until 2012. But with cutting edge technologies, testing on our closest animal relatives is no longer necessary, and the National Institute of Health announced in September their plans to wind down their chimp-testing experiments. Most new experiments requiring chimps have been suspended, and current research chimps are slowly being retired to sanctuaries to live out the rest of their days. (Everett Collection/Shutterstock)

△ **THE SWEETEST WORD** Evie Small was born twice: first, in 2010, when she was welcomed by parents David and Emily, and second, in June 2012, when the British toddler was given the gift of hearing. Evie was diagnosed at 16 months with a rare condition affecting her ears, eyes and spine, leaving her completely deaf; a brainstem auditory implant (or a bionic ear) was her only hope. A specialist in Verona, Italy, was able to perform the implant procedure, and Evie spoke her first word just two weeks after the surgery: "Mama." (Solent News/Rex Features [1795591e])



△ **THE GOD PARTICLE** For nearly fifty years, physicists the world over have been trying to prove what British scientist Peter Higgs hypothesized in 1964: that there was one important unobserved particle in the Standard Model of Particle Physics to which the universe could be credited, a field touching all other particles, giving them their mass. When scientists at the Large Hadron Collider near the French-Swiss border announced in July their discovery of a particle consistent with Higgs boson, the news made headlines; the breakthrough was confirmed in March 2013, with the caveat that this may be only one of many particles under the Higgs boson umbrella. (European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN)/MCT)



▽ **MARS UNCOVERED** If you had walked into the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab on August 6, you would have seen a serious party: after an 8-month, 56-million-kilometre journey, the Curiosity rover–a compact roaming laboratory–survived a nerve-racking descent through the red planet's atmosphere to land on Mars. Curiosity will spend the next two years exploring the planet: checking out the terrain, poking through the dirt and snapping pictures, hoping to determine if life ever existed on Earth's neighbour. (Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech)

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